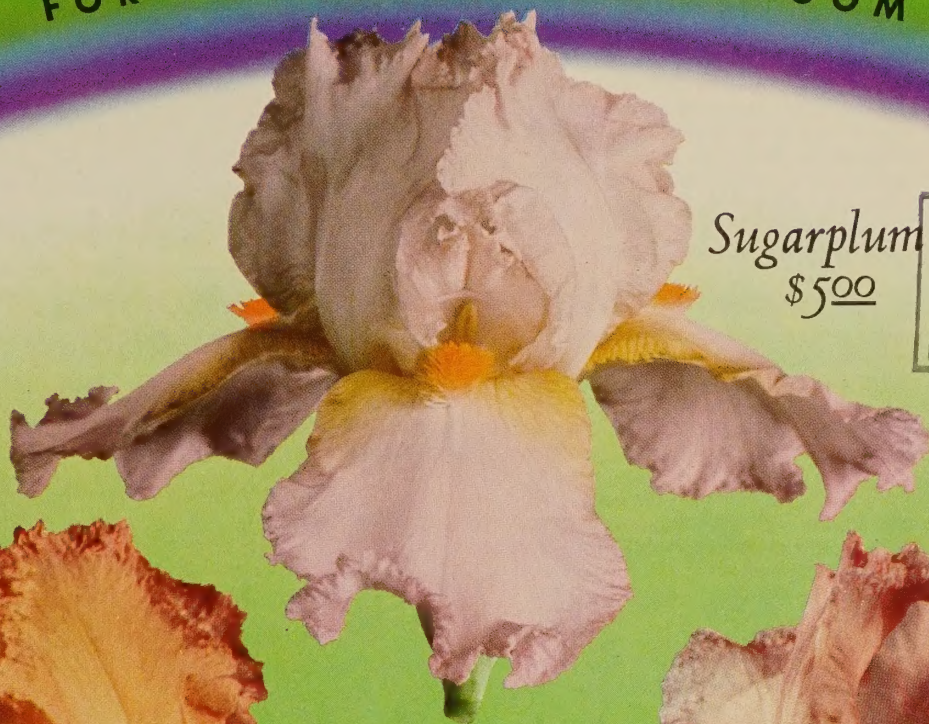


PRICE
25¢

LLOYD AUSTIN'S WORLD FAMOUS
IRIS COLOR GUIDEBOOK
FOR YEAR ROUND IRIS BLOOM



Sugarplum
\$5.00

LIBRARY
RECEIVED
★ MAY 12 1958 ★
U. S. Department of Agriculture

Ruffled Apache
\$5.00

Carmela
\$7.50

SEE BACK COVER FOR
DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE
3 NEW LACED IRIS

1958

IRIS

PROVED HARDY

*From Maine
to California*

My Very First
CATALOG-WIDE IRIS SALE
PRACTICALLY EVERY VARIETY DISCOUNTED
1/3 OFF of the NEW
LOWER 1958 PRICES
on over 400 varieties
Don't miss page 20

A CATALOG
AND GUIDEBOOK
FOR IRIS LOVERS
AND HYBRIDIZERS

RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING GARDENS

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

WORLD'S ONLY COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS IN IRIS FOR YEAR-ROUND BLOOM

IRIS BUYER'S GUIDE FOR 1958

SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION YOU NEED IN CHOOSING IRIS FOR YOUR GARDEN

GROW IRIS

And Garden Your Way to Serenity

Never before did the average person have such an urgent need to regularly get away, completely away, from the hectic bustle of modern business and pressing social activities that wear one down. Heed the wise and meaningful sayings of the past. Remember these?

"Let your garden be your sanctuary."

"Where beauty reigns, Tranquility also prevails."

*"Ah, the droning of the bee! In his dusty pantaloons
Tumbling in the Fleur-de-Lis."*

Yes, the Iris is the answer. **Everyone likes Iris**, because the small amount of care that they require brings such large rewards in the way of **lavish color splashes** and **infinite beauty** in the garden; and then, too, unbounded joy for the gardener and all his friends and visitors. Over the years there need be no stagnation or monotony in an Iris garden. **Every color of the rainbow can be there.** Each year you can see entrancing NEW beauties unfolding their petals for the very first time; for, right now, the Iris is evolving faster than any other flower. Best of all, **the Iris has ceased to be a short season flower.** It will greet you with glorious color throughout the long spring, in the heat of the summer, again in the fall, and, in mild regions, even in midwinter!

UNUSUAL IRIS Are Not Hard to Grow

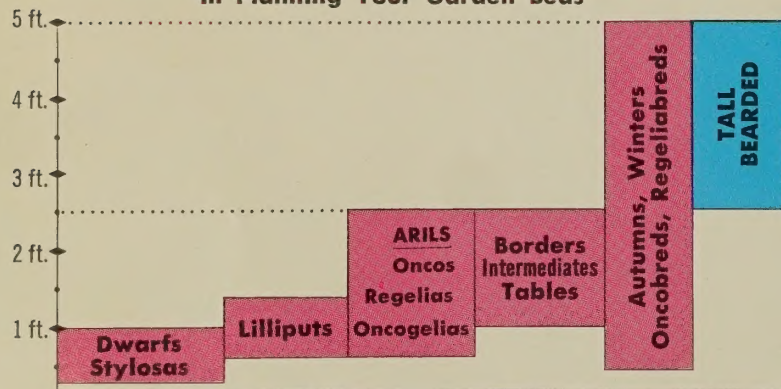
There is not the slightest need to hesitate about ordering any of my fascinating ARILS or other UNUSUAL types or races of Iris just because you have not grown them before. There is a first time for everything. You will find brief explanations of cultural requirements at the beginning of each type. In addition, I send with every Iris order a complete cultural leaflet telling how to grow all of the types of Iris that are in this Catalog-Guidebook. Every year thousands of people, in every state, order my Unusual Iris for the first time, and thus are soon enjoying the thrills of having exotic beauties in their own garden. For those who want the fullest possible information on native habitats, hardiness, soil and water requirements, uses, exhibiting, hybridizing, etc., I recommend my more comprehensive RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL and my SUPPLEMENT, outlined for you on the next page.

Don't Overlook These TEN Offers!

MY FAVORITES — You'll find "MY FAVORITE" offers all thru this GUIDEBOOK, at the end of 10 major types of Iris. Here's the story behind this new offer. Each year hundreds of letters ask my assistance in selecting the most outstanding varieties and best buys for the year. So, in an effort to be helpful, I'll agree to work out for YOU a select group of my personal favorites of any of 10 types of Iris where you find "MY FAVORITE" heading. In each case I will take fully into account that most people have limited funds, want to get just as much as they possibly can for their money. So I will not include any scarce varieties, but those very choice kinds (all labeled, of course) where my stocks will permit filling your order with a generosity that will amaze you. In fact, I'll GUARANTEE you'll get greater value this way than by selecting varieties yourself under any of my wonderful discount offers. I'm making these collections available in units of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$25.00 to fit all pocketbooks. Take my word for it, and try one or two of these offers; I know you'll be back soon for more! See these 10 pages now: 18, 28, 29, 31, 34, 39, 40, 41, 43 and 44. Any 3 \$5.00 units for \$12.95; any 3 \$10.00 units for \$24.95.

Use This Chart to Select IRIS TYPES BY HEIGHTS

In Planning Your Garden Beds



Note how very limited you are in available heights if you have only Tall Bearded varieties, as shown in BLUE. Rounding out your Iris plantings with other interesting types of Iris makes it much easier and more exciting to plan attractive, long-blooming garden beds. For while you are arranging by heights you are automatically getting various blooming times, as shown in chart on page 4. Arrange your Iris beds with the low Dwarfs, Stylosas and Lilliputs as edgings along paths or next to lawn. Farther back, use gradually taller and taller kinds for the most effective displays and full visibility. Different varieties of the same type vary greatly in height, especially in the twice-blooming Autumns and Winters. See first line of descriptions for heights of individual varieties. The Arils require special culture and are best in a bed by themselves.

How You Gain By Ordering REAL EARLY

1. By ordering in the spring or early summer you are practically certain of getting all of those choice varieties that you particularly want, and that may be sold out if you wait. I have large stocks now, but by midsummer I am likely to be entirely out of several dozen varieties.

2. You get generous "Premiums for Early Ordering" if you help me by ordering just as early as you possibly can. What you get even includes your choice of a FREE Flaming Gold or Horned Skylark (Both \$20.00 Iris) on a \$25.00 order. (See page 20.)

3. You may take advantage of my exclusive "2 for 1" and "3 for 1" SECRET VARIETY offers before my stocks of these 44 choice varieties are exhausted. You just can't beat this game of fun and profit. (See page 20.)

4. By ordering before July 1 you may take part in my great 1958 IRIS LOVERS' SWEEPSTAKES, in which you may win twice as many Iris as you are ordering. (See below and bottom of order blanks.)

5. By getting your order in real early, you get delivery at the very beginning of our shipping season. This insures well-established plants in your garden for the very finest bloom next spring.

SO DON'T DELAY — IT WILL PAY YOU WELL TO MAIL THAT ORDER TODAY

YOU MAY ORDER IRIS ON CREDIT

If you do not have sufficient ready cash available during the spring months to enable you to order as much as you really want, I suggest that you send a part payment now of at least \$10.00, even though your order may be much larger. This will qualify you to use my low discounted prices all through the catalog, and you will also have all of the other very substantial benefits of early ordering outlined above. Send balance as your funds become available, any time before July 1.

Iris Lovers' SWEEPSTAKES

3 GRAND PRIZES, each consisting of a selection of choice Iris regularly worth TWICE the total value of your 1958 order, or orders, no matter how large the total may be. Only orders postmarked and paid for up to and including June 30, 1958, will count.

HOW TO ENTER: All who order to the amount of \$7.50 or more, and pay for their Iris before July 1, 1958, may enter by merely filling out the form at the bottom of either order blank, and sending on back of coupon the name and address of a flower-loving friend to whom you have personally shown (or will show soon) the full-color pictures and the heavily discounted prices in this IRIS COLOR GUIDEBOOK. Quite obviously, to be helpful to me, the friend must be one who does not have this GUIDEBOOK. Now, if you order again before July 1, you may enter again and double your chances of winning. Or, if a single order overflows onto the second order blank, you may send 2 names, fill out the Sweepstakes coupon on both order blanks, and use on each coupon the total of your order on both pages. See what opportunities I have provided for you! The rest is up to you.

DRAWING will be on July 15, 1958, and will be conducted by ElDorado County Chamber of Commerce in Placerville. The 3 winners will be notified at once by mail as explained on the back of first order blank, and will be listed in my 1959 catalog.

1957 SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS

H. L. Schuck, Rt. 2, Plainfield, Indiana, Order \$20.95; free Iris sent to the value of \$42.00.
Alice L. Miller, 618 King St., Santa Cruz, California, Orders \$15.60 and \$4.11; free Iris sent to value of \$40.00.

Jean O. Jorgensen, Rt. 1, Galt, Missouri, Order \$5.65; free Iris sent to the value of \$12.00.

ALL WHO ORDER GET '59 CATALOG-GUIDEBOOK — How do you stay on my mailing list and get the new Guidebook regularly as issued? All you have to do is to order from my Guidebooks as they are received from year to year. This keeps your card in my active Customer File, and each time you order you get the next catalog automatically without request, and without the usual 25c charge.

Remember

Stocks won't last long at these Catalog-Wide Sale prices. So please place your order PROMPTLY and order everything you want before supplies of some kinds are exhausted. At these prices, **THE MORE YOU ORDER, THE MORE YOU SAVE!** See simple explanation of my very first Catalog-Wide IRIS SALE at top of page 20.

I am proud to display the "Shield of Quality" symbol of the National Mail Order Nurserymen's Association. You can buy with confidence where you see this shield.





◀ THE HOME OF THE RAINBOW

One of my Iris fields. You, too, are invited to make an annual pilgrimage to this spot where the Rainbow comes to earth.

VISIT MY IRIS DISPLAYS

You are cordially invited to visit my gardens when you head for the mountains—the Gold Rush country—for your spring outing. Iris time will start about mid April and extend until about the end of May. **Color photo** of my gardens will give you an idea of the gorgeous color spectacle in store for you here where the Rainbow comes to earth. This year the display will be particularly fine, most exciting for everyone. I will have **many brand NEW named Iris creations**, from various parts of the world, **blooming here for the first time**. Most of these have never been listed in my catalogs, and are the last word in Iris. Once you've been here at blooming time, you will eagerly look forward, as do countless others, to this trip as an annual event. Color camera fans will find this garden a Rainbow paradise.

The time of peak bloom varies greatly from year to year, so it will pay you to send a postal asking when to come; or phone Placerville NA 2-2836.

HOW TO REACH THE GARDENS

My gardens are on a hilltop among the evergreens, not far from the Lincoln Highway, U.S. 50, the road to Lake Tahoe. When coming from Sacramento you will pass through Placerville on our new freeway. **Just past the end of the freeway, watch for our sign ON THE LEFT, just beyond the Hangtown Pharmacy.** Follow our signs to the gardens, about three miles.

Bring your Iris-loving friends. Let them, too, enjoy our unfolding pageant of beauty. We'll be looking for you, one and all.

I Invite You to Use This Catalog-Guidebook As Your "DO-IT-YOURSELF" GUIDE To The World's Bountiful Array of IRIS

Experience The Thrills of Year-Round IRIS Bloom by Growing and Hybridizing the Newest Creations and Rare and Exotic Iris from Distant Lands

Get the Habit of Ordering New Iris Each Year and You Will Always Have Excitement in Store for You

What Kinds of Iris Will Thrive in Your State?

If you are a beginner with Iris, and have never had the delightful experience of having colorful Iris in bloom almost every week of the year, the question above will probably be the first one you will ask about Iris. And the answer is remarkably simple. **All 20 types of Iris will do well in practically every state**, except Florida and the damp humid areas close to the Gulf of Mexico. Thus you see that there is no need to restrict yourself to the familiar Tall Bearded varieties.

Most Iris like good drainage and plenty of sun. Thus **if you can supply good drainage and sun, you can grow practically anything in this catalog.** I purposely include **only those varieties and species that are cold-hardy**, and can be grown throughout the United States and even in Canada and Alaska.

I have many delighted customers in every state. You may be surprised to learn that **about a third of them live in the colder eastern, northern and mountainous portions of our great country.** A second third lives in the great South, from South Carolina and Tennessee to Texas and Oklahoma. The remainder live here on the Pacific Coast, chiefly in California, Oregon and Washington. So I very likely have pleased customers in the very same city or town where you live. You will find voluntary testimonials from a few of these Iris lovers on page 24, along with information on my hardy, mountain-grown stock.

RELATIONSHIP GROUPING OF TYPES AND RACES OF IRIS (A quick lesson in the botanical grouping of Iris)

ARILS26-31	BULBOUS (Seeds)..... 25	TWICE-BLOOMERS
Oncos5, 26-28		Autumn Bloomers.....32-34
Oncogelias5, 30-31	SUMMER BLOOMERS	Winter Bloomers..... 35
Regelias 29	Autumns32-34	UNUSUAL BEARDED
	Vesper 43	Border Iris..... 41
ARILBREDS		Dwarfs 40
Oncobreds36-39	TALL BEARDED	Intermediates 41
Regeliabreds 41	Flat5, 42	Lilliputs 41
BEARDLESS IRIS	Horned6-7	Medians 41
Pseudacorus (Seeds) .. 43	Laced 1, 44	Table Iris 41
Siberians (Seeds) 25	Main Listing11-18	VARIEGATED LEAVES ...42
Spurias (Seeds)..... 25	Novelties42-43	WINTER BLOOMERS
Stylosas 35	Tangerine-bearded ..7-10	Bearded 35
Western Natives ..25-43	'58 Introductions...5, 11	Stylosas 35

INDEX TO PAGES FOR SPECIAL FEATURES

1958 Introductions 5	Guides to Color; Season 4	Premiums 20
Bargains for Beginners.. 22	Hardiness3, 24	Quantity Prices 22
Bonus Iris & Seeds..... 24	How to order2, 3, 21	References 21
Canadian Orders 24	How to Reach Gardens.. 3	Secret Varieties 20
Collections: see each type	Hybridizers' Page & Kits 25	Seeds25, 43
of Iris; also19, 22	Index to Varieties 43	Shipping dates4, 21
Credit Ordering 2	Inexpensive Iris 7-9, 11-18,	Showing catalog 24
Culture: See each type & 2	19, 22-23, 27, 29-31, 32-44	Specials19, 32, 35
Feature Offerings ...32, 35	Labels 40	Supplement3, 20
Foreign Orders 24	Landscaping Iris 22	Symbols explained 3
Free - for your help ... 24	Manual3, 20	Sweepstakes2, 21, 23
Gift Orders 23	Order Blanks21, 23	Visitors to the Gardens 3
Guarantee 21	Postage Paid 21	Wholesale 22

Index to all varieties and species, except main Tall Bearded section, page 43.

You Need My **RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL** —\$1.25

In spite of the diversity of types of Iris, their culture is remarkably simple and easy to understand, as I have grouped them all under three general cultural procedures, with only minor special considerations in the handling of specific types.

I have brought together for you in concentrated, verified form, a summary of my own accumulated experiences and those of many of my customers in dozens of different states. To this has been added valuable information from well over 100 books, bulletins and articles on Iris growing and hybridizing. In this way you can have **practically everything you need to know, instantly available in one place without extensive searching**, and without the expense of buying many different reference works. Included, for example, is various material directly from two of the most significant of all published works on Iris, namely, W. R. Dyke's "Handbook of Garden Irises" and his monumental work "The Genus Iris." The latter is valued, when obtainable, at about \$100 a copy.

The second half of this 44 page booklet covers all phases of **hybridizing** from planning your crosses to the techniques for pollinating, seed collection and seed sowing—for Tall Bearded Iris and also the many **Unusual Iris** offered in this catalog. Among the many subjects covered are these: Varieties recommended as parents in breeding for 26 specific objectives; How to synchronize blooming periods; Chromosome numbers; Mendelian inheritance; Ways to increase your sets.

You Also Need My **SUPPLEMENT** to the Manual — 50c

The following partial outline will give a good idea of the comprehensive contents of Supplement No. 1

- I—**PLANNING YOUR IRIS GARDEN:** Utilizing all types of Iris; harmonious color groupings.
- II—**CULTURE OF ARILS:** Promising new cultural techniques.
- III—**IRIS EXHIBITION:** How to stage an Iris show, exhibit Iris and win prizes.
- IV—**IRIS HYBRIDIZING:** Speeding seed germination; best kinds for parents.

How to Get **Manual and Supplement**

SENT ONLY IF LISTED ON YOUR ORDER

Both Free — orders of \$20.00 or more. (See page 20.)
MANUAL 50c and SUPPLEMENT Free — if \$17.50 or more.
MANUAL \$1.00, SUPPLEMENT 35c — if \$5.00 or more.
MANUAL \$1.25 and SUPPLEMENT 50c without an order (or orders under \$5.00).

"Sparked by your fascinating Manual I've had to try hybridizing in a small way and have had such fun. Even had one seedling worth displaying at our local non-competitive Flower Show. It aroused loads of interest—everyone seemed to want to dash home and try a few crosses. Thank you so much for starting me on a new and very wonderful hobby and for the healthy rhizomes with which my orders are always filled." Mrs. Dorothea McGeoghagan, Willows, California.

KEY TO DATA TO HELP YOU SELECT AND PLAN

To help Iris lovers and amateur hybridizers, I give the following data in my variety descriptions: originator, year of introduction, season of bloom, height in inches, description, awards, parentage in square brackets, price.

I recommend particularly Iris recently honored by Awards of American Iris Society:
Dykes—Dykes Memorial Medal. (Highest Award, yearly to the one best Iris.)
JC—Judge's Choice. (Best of the NEW ones.)
Dykes RU and **AM-RU**—Runners-up.
AM—Award of Merit. (Next to Highest.)
HM—Honorable Mention.
HC—High Commendation.

★—**Choicest of inexpensive Iris** especially recommended for beginners at this year's discounted prices. As explained on page 20, the discounted Sale prices may be used for all varieties on your order if your payment is \$10 or more.

"The vast possibilities of plant-breeding can hardly be estimated. They are not alone for one year, or for our own time or race, but are beneficent legacies for every man, woman and child who shall ever inhabit the earth."—LUTHER BURBANK

COLOR GUIDE To 20 Types & Races of IRIS—The Rainbow Flower

TO HELP YOU PLAN ENCHANTING COLOR HARMONY IN YOUR GARDEN

Do you find it hard to keep up to date, with so many new Iris coming out each year? Would you like to know which are the very latest releases in each color class for certain types of Iris? Then my new 1958 COLOR GUIDE will be an innovation for you. A glance will tell you what you want to know, for each list below is arranged in order of year of introduction, with newest varieties first. Or, perhaps you're looking for some good inexpensive Iris of certain colors. No need to pore over the long alphabetical listings in the main part of this GUIDEBOOK; merely pick some of the older kinds near the ends of the various lists. To give you the greatest possible amount of information in the space available, I use the following blue abbreviations to designate the 20 types and races of Iris, which will be found on the pages indicated. Index to varieties is on page 43.

A = AUTUMN BLOOMERS 32
B = BORDER IRIS 41
D = DWARFS 40
F = FLAT BEARDED 5, 42

H = HORNED 6
I = INTERMEDIATES 41
L = LACED 44
Li = LILLIPUTS 41

N = NATIVES, WESTERN 43
No = NOVELTIES 42
Ob = ONCOBRED 26
O = ONCOCYCLUS 26

Og = ONCOGELIAS 30
R = REGELIAS 29
Rb = REGELIABREDS 41
St = STYLOSAS (Winter) 35

Ta = TABLE IRIS 41
TB = TALL BEARDED 6-18
TgB = TANGERINE BEARDED 7
W = WINTER BEARDED 35

The New TANGERINE-BEARDED IRIS

TANGERINE-BEARDED PINKS (or **FLAMINGOS**) - **L**: Convention Queen, Crepe Suzette, Party Dress; **A**: Fall Frills, Almond Blossom, Carabella, Pink Lace; **W**: Sunset Pink, Aahme.
TANGERINE-BEARDED BLUE, LAVENDER, PURPLE - **L**: Crispette; **Ob**: Blue Abalone; **W**: Color Riot, Orchid and Flame.
TANGERINE-BEARDED TALL BEARDED - See pages 7-10 for full listing, with 6 subgroups.

PINKS OTHER THAN FLAMINGOS

ORCHID PINKS - **L**: Chantilly; **D**: Promise, Rose Blush, Cretica; **Ob**: Pink Mohr, Laurel Hill, Coquetry, Present; **O**: Lortetii; **Og**: Asporina, Luna, Teucros, Theseus; **W**: California Pink.
PASTEL PINKS - **L**: Sugarplum; **Other TB**: Cathedral Bells, Pathfinder; **R**: Korolkowi Pink; **St**: Bridal Pink.
PINK BLENDS - **TB**: Centennial Queen, Copper Dawn, Soraya; **R**: Stolonifera Conical.
PINK PLOCATAS - **TB**: Pink Accent; **Ob**: Master Neil; **Ta**: Precious Gem; **W**: Pink Pinafore.
PINK BITONES - **TB**: Oriental Pearl, Rosy Ripples, Alline Rogers, Maytime; **A**: Gersdorff-Sass; **Ob**: Magic Light.
DEEP PINKS - **TB**: Rose Garland, Cordolon, Phalanx; **D**: Mist O' Pink; **No**: Pink Marble; **St**: Orchid Striped; **W**: Tournament Queen.

REDS

RED SELFS - **TB**: Bang, Red Chieftain, Firebright, Privateer, Defiance, Frontier Days, Great Day, Ali Baba, Big Time, The Mad Hatter, Pacemaker, Quechee; **A**: Savage; **D**: Blazon, Heatherbloom; **Ob**: Mohr Affair, Sikhmoir, New Look; **O**: Atropurpurea; **Og**: Allegria; **R**: Lucia, Vulcanus; **W**: Technicolor.
RED PLOCATAS, FANCIES & BLENDS - **TB**: Las Floristas, Big Ute, Highland Fling, Gene Wild, Rich Raiment, Fire Dance; **A**: Glowing Amber.
HARMONIZING BITONES & BICOLORS - **H**: Horned Rosyred, Horned Rubyfalls; **L**: Ruffled Apache; **Other TB**: Coronation Red, Queen's Taste; **A**: Lois Craig, Scarlet Tiger, Joseph's Mantle, Napanee, Potawatomi, Autumn Flame; **D**: Red Gem, Fior del Mondo; **Li**: Garnet Treasure; **Ob**: Chenik Aga, Laban Effendi, Viveza; **O**: Bagdad Beauty, Barnumae; **R**: Real Harmony; **W**: Winter Flame.
CONTRASTING BICOLORS (VARIEGATAS) - **TB**: Oedipus Rex, Bold Contrast, High Command; **Ob**: Cherry Falls, Rajah; **D**: Ablaze, Cherry Spot, Veri-Gay; **Ob**: Valganza, Butterfly Wings; **R**: Red White & Blue; **Ta**: Lodestar.

ORANGE

GOLDEN ORANGE SELFS & BICOLORS - **TB**: Surprise Party, Thorwald, Royal Sovereign, Gold Sovereign; **Ob**: Gold Intensity, Orange Twotone; **Ob**: Gold of Ophir.
SALMON & APRICOT BLENDS - **L**: Carmela; **Other TB**: Halolight, Utah Sunset, Ballet Dancer, Weiride.

BROWNS

BRONZE & COPPER - **L**: Russet Wings; **Other TB**: Globetrotter, Mission Glory, Bright Gem, Al Borak, Inca Chief, Bold Copper, Placerita, Rainbow Room, Casa Morena; **A**: Ball Gown; **Ob**: Sultan's Armour; **Og**: Persian Bronze, Isolada, Charon; **R**: Stolonifera, Stolonifera Leichtlini.
BROWN BITONES & BICOLORS - **L**: Crinkled Ribbon; **Other TB**: Exotic, Golden Crown, Toast An' Honey, Oriental Glory; **A**: Western Hills, Menominee; **D**: Buster Brown, Little Mohee; **Ob**: Kalifa Baltis, Kalifa Gulnare, Damascus Blade, Gold Smoke, Jalla Effendi, Mohresque; **O**: Judean Charmer, Basaltica, Nazarena, Acutiloba, Iberica; **Og**: Persian Twotone, Isis; **R**: Decorated Blue Beard, Bronze Beauty, Decorated Delight, Decorated Giant; **W**: Russian Bronze.
BUFF TONES - **L**: Ruffled Gem; **Other TB**: Golden Ballet, Apache Chief, Stormy Skies, The Tanner, Chamois; **Ob**: Real Gold, Bamboo, For Sure; **O**: Auranitica.
BEAUTIFUL BROWNS - **TB**: Huntsman, Dark Chocolate, Autumn Brown, Rio Valley, Thotmes III, Argus Pheasant, Pretty Quadroon; **A**: Buckthorn Brown; **Ob**: Bethel; **O**: Atropurpurea Eggeri; **O**: Orestes.

YELLOWS

ENRICHED WITH BROWN - **TB**: Maharajah, Caramel, Welcome Guest; **Ob**: Phosphorescent.
BRIGHT & DEEP - **TB**: Aspenglow, Gold Cup, Front Page, Gold Splendor, Mellow Gold, Sunnyside Up, Gold Anthem, Spring Melody, Foxfire, Spotlight, Solid Gold; **A**: Mishawaka; **D**: Orange Glint; **Li**: Pigmy Gold; **Ob**: Phoebus Apollo, Mohr Velvet, Majnun, Deep Buttercup; **W**: Arcadia Buttercup.
SOFT & LIGHT - **L**: Limelight, Song of Songs; **H**: Horned Skylark; **Other TB**: Iris Lure, Solar Maid, April Showers, Miss Christine, Whispers; **A**: Sally Ann; **Li**: Baria; **No**: Thurlow Weed; **Ob**: Nomohr, Mohr Beauty; **Rb**: Golden Butterfly; **W**: Springtime Madonna.
PLOCATAS, BITONES & BLENDS - **TB**: By-Line, Spring Sonnet, Frolic, Tabasco; **A**: Gibson Girl; **D**: Carpathia; **Rb**: Saffron Charm.

THE RAINBOW IRIS CALENDAR - TO HELP YOU PLAN FOR CONTINUITY OF BLOOM

There is absolutely no need to be content with the VERY SHORT late spring Tall Bearded blooming season shown in **BLUE**. Plan your Iris order to get as nearly year-round Iris bloom as your climate will permit, taking full advantage of the various extended blooming periods of other types of Iris, as shown in light **RED**. Send your orders as early as you can, and not later than Oct. 10, for delivery this year. Blooming time varies somewhat with latitude, elevation, weather and other factors.

Best to send 1st order soon after catalog reaches you.		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Main Ordering Period (Before my stocks run low & to qualify for Sweepstakes.)													
Secondary Ordering Period (Still time to plant and get good spring bloom.)											10th		
SHIPPING AND PLANTING											15th		
MINI-BLOOMING	DWARFS			Page 40									
	ARILS			Pages 26-31, 23									
	LILLIPUTS and INTERMEDIATES			Page 41									
	ONCOBREDS			Pages 36-39									
	TALL BEARDED			6-18, 22, 44									
	BORDER and TABLE IRIS			Page 41									
	AUTUMN BLOOMERS			Pages		32-34							
	WINTER BEARDED	Page 35			Page 35							Page 35	
STYLOSAS		Page 35										Page 35	

BICOLORS - **L**: Truly Yours; **Other TB**: Mystic Melody, Summit, Pinnacle; **D**: Gay Lassie.
CREAM & IVORY - **H**: Plumed Delight; **Other TB**: Ruffled Organdy, Star Shine; **A**: Cupid's Dart; **Ob**: Conquest; **O**: Judean Cream, Calcaria, Gatsii.

GREENS

CHARTREUSE OR YELLOW GREEN - **TB**: Green Chance, Mint Julep, Yellow Organdy, Veiled in Mystery, Char-Maize, Green Pastures, Oklahoma, Green Shadows; **A**: Green Hope, Persian Pattern; **D**: Dirty Face, Dream Child, Green Halo, Green Petals, Whitone; **Ob**: Margaret Cruise, Coronation Tapestry, Mohrning Dove, Mohr Majesty, Sespe, American Modern, Green Mohr, Lady Mohr; **O**: Sari.
GREENISH WHITES - **TB**: Mystic Legend, Green Ivory, Tranquility, White Admiral, Greenglow; **A**: Green Goddess; **D**: Snow Fairy, Blarney; **L**: Doxa; **Li**: Green Spot; **Ob**: Jabal Karak.
LILAC & BRONZY GREENS - **TB**: Green Hat, Benton Olive; **Ob**: Green Pheasant, Olive Orchid.

BLUES

EXQUISITE PALE BLUES - **L**: Blue Debut; **Other TB**: Enchanted Pearl, So Sweet, Rehobeth, Helen McGregor.
SKY-BLUES - **TB**: Beacon Hill, Celestial Blue, Cloudless Sky, Joan Crawford, Blue Sapphire, Blue Serene, Elise Werner, Blue Parakeet, Jane Phillips; **No**: Zebra; **Li**: Tinkerbell, Fairy Flax; **Ob**: Short Song, Mohr Elegance, Frances Craig, Mary Valentine, Cerulean, Blumohr; **R**: Blue Joy, Hoogiana; **St**: Common Stylosa, Kelways Stylosa, Large Flowered; **W**: Blue Flurry.
BRIGHT BLUES - **TB**: Blue Intensity, Sierra Skies, Kiki, Chivalry, Celestia; **A**: Blue Surprise, Fair Enough; **No**: Elizabeth Huntington; **Ob**: Easternmohr; **Rb**: Rainier Valley; **W**: Blue River.
DEEP BLUES - **TB**: Abbie Collet, Arabi Pasha, Bluebird Blue, Flora Whiting, Pierre Menard; **A**: Bel-Air; **Rb**: Hoogie Boy.
PLOCATAS & BITONES - **TB**: The Laughing Cavalier, Belle Meade, Caroline Jane; **D**: Blue Band.

BLACKS, VIOLETS & LAVENDERS

VIOLET BLACKS & BLACK SELFS - **TB**: Black Taffeta, Tabu, Top Hat, Black Castle, Black Mischief, Black Hills, Black Michael; **D**: Little Villain; **O**: Real Ebony, Nigricans, Atrofusca.
BLACK BITONES - **TB**: Black Flare, Majorette, Sable Night; **Ob**: Beisan Aga, Parvar; **O**: Judean Raven.
VIOLET SELFS - **TB**: Mirage, Calypso, Ultra Violet, Grecian Urn, Night Patrol, Three Signals, First Violet, Violet Harmony; **A**: Autumn Orchid; **D**: Sulina; **F**: Flurry Mohr, Rhythm; **Ob**: Giant Mohr, Fancy Rhythm; **St**: Gay Stylosa, Graeca.
PURPLE SELFS & FANCIES - **H**: Mulberry Snow; **Other TB**: Concord Velvet; **F**: Giant Clematis, Bella Mohr; **Ob**: Eastmont, Mohr Courageous, Fancywork, Barrimohr, Elmohr, Capitola, IB-Mac True; **O**: Haynei; **Og**: Artemis; **R**: Hoogiana Purpurea, Korolkowi Concolor; **W**: December Royalty.
VIOLET & PURPLE BITONES - **H**: Horned Royalty; **A**: Heatherlands, Autumn Delight, Harvest Blue, August Waves, Fall Velvet Improved; **Ob**: Persian Mohr, Kalifa Fatima, Anatolia; **D**: Mariae, Og: Hera.
VIOLET BICOLORS - **TB**: Fairy Fancy, Bright Hour, Criterion, Pretender, Gaylord; **D**: Paradoxa.
AMETHYST SELFS & FANCIES - **L**: Orchid Ruffles, Gussie; **Other TB**: Ethel Summer, Only This, Ruffled Taffeta; **A**: Moon Goddess; **D**: Lavender Dawn; **F**: Clematis; **Ob**: Madam Mohr, Night Moth, Altamohr, Clementina, William Mohr; **R**: Late Amethyst; **St**: Cephalonica, Marbled.
LILAC BITONES & BICOLORS - **H**: Horned Twotone; **L**: Candy Kid, Cliffdell; **Other TB**: Lady Albright; **A**: Barre Beauty, September Sparkler, October Shadows, Autumn Twilight; **Ob**: Witch Doctor.
GREY & SILVER VEINED BEAUTIES - **No**: Sirona; **Ob**: Moonchild, Engraved, Oyez; **O**: Our Suzy, Judean Silver, Susiana; **Og**: Persian Lace, Eunice, Parthenope, Psyche, Agatha, Andromache, Hermione, Thor; **R**: Korolkowi Brown & Green, Korolkowi Violaeca.

WHITES

BLUE & LILAC WHITES - **TB**: Ice Carnival, White Cinderella, High Seas, Pearly Morn, White Smoke; **A**: White Alone; **F**: Little Freak; **No**: Pinafore Lass; **Ob**: Parachute # 2.
WHITE BICOLORS - **H**: Wings of Flight; **L**: Twenty Grand; **Other TB**: Wide World; **Rb**: Lemon Silk.
WHITE PLOCATAS - **H**: Unicorn; **Other TB**: Happy Meeting, Dianeva, Castle Rock, Raspberry Ribbon, Parisiana; **A**: Champagne Velvet, Zulu Warrior, Royal Band; **No**: Harlequin; **Ob**: Mohrloff.
WHITES WITH YELLOW INFLUENCE - **L**: Clara B, Queen's Lace; **Other TB**: Butterhorn, Spring Romance, Yacht Club; **A**: Lady Mohr; **No**: Corsage.
PURE WHITES - **L**: Dreamy; **F**: No-Top, White Parasol; **Other TB**: Easter Greetings, Edith Pope, Mr. Moon, Snow Goddess, White Waves, The Citadel, Lady Ruffles, Late Snow, Senorita Ilsa, White Shepherdess, Cascadian, Good and Plenty, White Peacock, Helen McKenzie, Spanish Peaks, White Ruffles, New Snow; **A**: Polar King; **L**: Snow Maiden; **No**: Zua; **Ob**: Slick Chick, Purissa-mohr; **St**: White Stylosa.

16 New Introductions for 1958

4 More of World's First Series of Named TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS

Just as modern Bearded Iris are greatly improved from original native forms, these superb Onco hybrids surpass, in both color and form, the wild species imported from the Near East. All have tremendous width of haft and true rounded Onco form.

- BAGDAD BEAUTY** (Austin '58) VE-12" A novel **rosy-red** bitone, distinct from all other Oncos and **reddest of any**. Standards silvery white, heavily flushed lilac-rose, strongly veined deep lilac-rose, beautifully waved. Falls bronzy-crimson, with **exceedingly prominent, imposing velvety dark brown beauty spot**, $\frac{3}{4}$ " across, topped by broad bronze beard. Stands apart from the horde of Tall Bearded, both new and old. Much **easier to grow** than most Oncos. Fast increaser, heavy bloomer **\$10.00**
- JUDEAN CREAM** (Austin '58) VE-16" A beautiful **pure cream-colored** Onco. **First cream ever made available to public**. Standards large, rounded, creamy white. Falls yellow-cream, broad at haft, with cinnamon-brown beauty spot below broad light yellow beard. Style arms pinkish cream, exerted in a most interesting manner. **Superb, both for fancier's garden and for breeders**, as it is something entirely new in Oncos. Pollen abundant. Semi-evergreen, and hence may take summer moisture **\$15.00**
- JUDEAN RAVEN** (Austin '58) VE-15" From the Black Iris, **Nigricans** crossed with the world-famous **Susiana** comes this **first black bitone** to be introduced among Oncos. Standards grey with many fine violet black veins and a strong flush of wine. Falls are **almost pure black**, with an **intensely black signal almost an inch across**, topped with a very broad dark brown beard. Pollen very plentiful, fertile. Try it. **\$10.00**
- OUR SUZY** (Austin '58) VE-16" My new Onco resembling famous **Susiana**, but lighter, more colorful, not as somber, giving effect of grey, rather than grey-black. **Beauty spot red-brown, beard broad, brown**. Has same wondrous appeal as **Susiana**; many like it better. While almost all Oncos produce one flower to a stem, **OUR SUZY often has two**. Yields pollen. Easier to grow than **Susiana**. Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**

For My 1957 Introductions in the above Series see page 26.

A New ONCOGELIA and a New ONCOBRED

- PERSIAN TWOTONE** (Austin '58) VE-20" Standards large, waved, **silvery white**, flushed pinkish-lilac, finely veined and dotted violet. Buff cream ground of falls obscured by **heavy dotting and veining in maroon**, giving a bronze effect. **Beauty spot maroon-black, very prominent**, $\frac{5}{8}$ " in diameter. A tall, sturdy, vigorous-growing Oncogelia, completely unlike any previously introduced—in fact, the **first bitone**, and thus a **real novelty**. [Teucros X Onco Seedling No. H-16-0] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**
- GIANT MOHR** (Austin '58) M-44" **See Ektachrome below**. At last an improved version of the renowned **WILLIAM MOHR**, that is **much larger** and grows on stalks **twice as tall**. And best of all for the hybridizer, this **has abundant pollen**. The picture shows that its form and veining are much like those of **WILLIAM MOHR** and the color is similar, too, being a deep manganese violet. Probably the **largest and one of the tallest of the Mohr hybrids in existence today**. The gigantic flowers are usually a **full 8 inches high** and the stalks regularly reach a **height of 44"**, which is remarkable for any Oncobred. Imagine how a flower like this can help out in your breeding work with ordinary Oncobreds. A fast increaser and a very heavy bloomer **\$15.00**



GIANT MOHR

GIANT CLEMATIS

1958 HORNED IRIS — See next 2 pages for my 4 new 1958 introductions in **Horned Iris** and 5 of my earlier releases in this new race.

NEW TANGERINE-BEARDED IRIS — See page 7 for **Arctic Blush**.

LATEST IN TALL BEARDED — **BLUE INTENSITY & GOLDEN BALLET**, page 11.

NEWEST IN FLAT BEARDED IRIS

Three Wonderful NEW Iris With Form Like Japanese Iris, But Bearded and Hence of Easy Culture

WHITE PARASOL (Mrs. R. M. Wolf '58) M-ML-38" From high up in the Colorado Rockies, near the Continental divide, where temperatures of -25° have been recorded, comes this magnificent flat white Iris that has caused amateurs and experts alike to exclaim with evident rapture. A **huge snow-white flower often up to 9"**, that **flattens out much like a white parasol**; hence its name. Displayed as a guest Iris at 1957 American Iris Society Convention, Memphis, Tennessee, so many Iris fanciers are already aware of its spontaneous appeal. Unlike most of the older "flats," this would seem to be a tetraploid, judging from its vigor and great size. At one time was called **"Flat Top"**; you may know it by this name. Will be in constant demand as a **corsage flower**, and for use indoors in large flat containers. Substance heavy. Pollen variable, sometimes good; sets seed, so **will be used by hybridizers everywhere**. Praised by such eminent Irisarians as Tell Muhlestein, Dr. P. A. Loomis, Mel Wallace, all of whom recommend its introduction. Now it is making its debut, ready for **YOUR** appraisal. [Spanish Peaks X Violet Symphony]. Planned as a \$25.00 introduction, but as it is partially inconstant and variable when poorly established, or at end of season, it is being released, while supply lasts, at only **\$10.00**

CONVENTION REPORT in *Bul. 146* by former **A.I.S.** President **Jesse Wills**: "The most unusual Iris I saw in Memphis was . . . **White Parasol** . . . a wide flat flower where the standards laid over flat in a regular orderly fashion so effect was not like a tall bearded Iris at all, but was rather suggestive of a big exotic Japanese type."

NO-TOP (Mrs. L. B. Lawson '58) M-36" **NO-TOP** is the name given Mrs. Lawson's No. 53-7, which also **caused much favorable comment at the Memphis Convention**. It was a guest in Mrs. Elby Martin's garden. She wrote it **caused more comment than any other Iris**; everyone was interested in it. Mrs. W. J. Hinkle commented: "Japanese form; five styles; greenest iris seen." And Mrs. Harry Frey says: "A green-white, with 6 bearded falls and no standards, but possessing 6-8 style arms. Buds are decidedly green. Very attractive." Need I say more? Just that it is a large flower, 6-7 inches across, has no stamens or pollen but will set seed. Flower sometimes seems pure white, without the greenish tinge. Co-introduced with Mrs. Lawson, who tells me that it has been constant in its form since it first bloomed. [Purissima X Spindrift] **\$15.00**

GIANT CLEMATIS (Austin '58) M-32" As its name indicates, and as my **Ektachrome below** shows very clearly, this new Iris **resembles a giant Clematis flower** much more than it does an Iris. It is immense in size, **commonly producing flowers 9 inches across**. The coloring is rich mulberry, and the beards creamy lilac. While most Iris have only three beards, this has six. Many who see this giant flat flower for the first time think it is a Japanese Iris, but actually it is an Oncobred, and a most unusual one. The form is somewhat similar to my widely-acclaimed **Clementina** (page 36) but petals much wider and fuller, resulting in a flat flower with a **circumference that is almost a perfect circle**. **\$20.00**

Earlier Introductions in Flat Bearded Iris on page 42.



CHOOSE YOURS

Giant Hybrid TALL BEARDED

World's Finest Selection of Both the Very

For Bloom in

THE NEW RACES OF TALL BEARDED IRIS

During the past decade several distinct and important new races of Bearded Iris have gradually emerged. These have now reached the stage in their evolution where they need to be separated out from the usual Tall Bearded Iris and set up as distinct entities in their own right. Only by doing this can an IRIS GUIDEBOOK expect to serve flower lovers everywhere and enable them to grasp the real nature of the extensive new developments in the limited time most people can devote to it. This 1958 edition of my GUIDEBOOK therefore initiates this new method of presenting TALL BEARDED Iris offerings. Tell me if you like it. Below is an index to the 3 races I have separated out this year.

HORNED IRIS — This page and the next. **THE LACY LOVELIES** — Front, back covers. **TANGERINE BEARDED** — Flamingos and others with tangerine beards, pages 7-10. **MAIN SECTION OF TALL BEARDED IRIS**, starts on page 11.

In order to accommodate those who need the strictly alphabetical approach, I have this year added to my **Index of Unusual Iris (page 43)** all Tall Bearded varieties that are NOT in the main alphabetical listing starting on page 11.

My Fabulous New Race of HORNED Iris

Ever since the introduction of my first Horned Iris, **UNICORN**, in 1954, the interest and excitement over this new race has continued to mount in all parts of America, and in many foreign countries, both north and south of the equator. My **four 1958 additions** to this race are listed on this page and the next with the names in **red** type. The new **HORNED ROSYRED** and **HORNED ROYALTY** are shown in full color.

HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES OF THIS NEW RACE

Alert hybridizers thruout the world have been quick to grasp enormous breeding potentialities of this new alteration in genes governing Iris form. As stocks have increased I have rapidly lowered the prices so this year, for the first time, several Horned Iris are down within the reach of all. Already the trend for everyone to try his hand at crossing Flamingo pinks is running itself out, and is, quite naturally, shifting over to breeding of better, more constant Horned Iris, in wider range of colors.

In this entirely NEW field the surface has hardly been scratched, and YOU can accomplish more in a short time here than in any other type of breeding. The evolution of Horned Iris will be rapid as the horned character is dominant and has come forth in the first generation of crosses with ordinary Iris.

This new horned feature is strangely variable. With **Plumed Delight**, **Mulberry Snow**, **Wings of Flight**, less often with **Unicorn** and **Horned Royalty**, horn occasionally forms a decorative spoon at end, as noted in two of my testimonials. Enterprising breeders are beginning to use these particular Horned Iris as starting points for entirely new race of **SPOONED Iris**, surpassing even Horned Iris in decorative possibilities. Better get in on ground floor while this exciting new field of hybridizing is just getting under way!

HORNED RUBYFALLS (Austin '58) EM-M-38" A novel horned bicolor, almost a variegata! Standards pale yellow, flushed light red. Falls ruby-red, bright orange-yellow beard, ends in a horn usually 1/2" to 3/4" long. Pollen abundant. This and Horned Rosyred are the only two red Horned Iris on the market today. [JS-M-176B x 638] X Cherie] **\$10.00**

HORNED SKYLARK (Austin '57) ML-52" First horned Iris in clear yellow tones. Towers above all ordinary Iris. Standards clear light yellow, beautifully waved. Falls nearly horizontal, cream with light yellow edge. Very prominent, fully bearded, horn, usually about an inch long. Below horn is a decorative feature—a brilliant yellow band, extending almost to bottom of falls. Beard yellow, a full 3/8" wide. Wonderful for breeding, an excellent seed-setter—gave several pods full of seed on each plant last year. Branching good. Very vigorous, foliage luxuriant, nearly evergreen. [JS-M-176B x 638] X Twilight Sky] **Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$13.33**

MULBERRY SNOW (Austin '55) L-45" A horned sister seedling of Unicorn that has one of the most novel color patterns ever seen. Actually has a "snow-capped" appearance due to large prominent white blaze at top of each fall, around beard. Standards smooth, dark reddish wine. Falls below the white blaze intense mulberry, indistinctly lined in white in a fancy pattern. At end of each beard is a prominent mulberry horn projecting out about 1/2 inch. A fine breeder, both as a seed parent and a pollen parent. [JS-M-176B X 638] **Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00**

CANADIAN EVALUATION: "I liked Mulberry Snow VERY much. It had spoons, like the petals of a spoon mum, rather than horns, and was very artistic." Lloyd Zurbrigg, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

UNICORN (Austin '54) M-L-42" This is the original, the world's first horned Iris. Depicted in life-like true color. Represents greatest break in development of an entirely new, highly decorative Iris form that has occurred in last half century of intensive Iris breeding. Customary beards, instead of reposing quietly on falls in normal position, are raised, separated from falls, projecting as striking plumed horns. Coloring is bold, contrasting—brilliant mulberry standards, snow white falls, prominently edged to match standards. Beard is orange-yellow, changing to white and mulberry. Sets seed readily, has abundant fertile pollen. [JS-M-176B X 638]. Available at 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. See page 20 **Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$9.50**

THE MAGNETIC POWERS OF THE HORNED IRIS: "A friend of mine went every day to Sacramento to see your Unicorn during your display at Weinstock-Lubin store. She thought it the most gorgeous flower she had ever seen." Mary T. Stewart, Live Oak, Calif.

UNICORN

The Unicorn marks a new birth—
The first horned iris on the earth;
Its bloom is glamorous and bold
With wine tipped horns of white and gold.
This marvel has appearance, fair
As any iris, anywhere.

The white falls are plicata edged
In bright mulberry. Horns are wedged
Above the falls . . . The standards gleam
With more mulberry . . . Like a dream,
The beard appears to plume each horn.
Amazing is the Unicorn!

—George Nicholas Rees



HORNED ROSYRED — A Delight to Everyone — \$25.00

HORNED ROSYRED (Austin '58) M-40" Everyone has been asking for a red horned Iris. Here is the finest one to date. A striking red bitone with very prominent horns. Standards pink, flushed golden-bronze. Falls crimson, prominent gold network at hafts. Beard heavy, bright yellow, ending in a prominent horn 1/2" to 1" long, often curved sharply upward in a most interesting and distinctive manner, as shown in Ektachrome above. Brightest of all horned Iris. Most useful of any to the enterprising Iris hybridizer. Pollen abundant, fertile; sets seed readily. Thus you can readily get the highly interesting, variable F₂ generation. Has a spread of about 6 inches, making it the largest of horned Iris. Tall, splendidly branched. [JS-M-176B x 638] X Pink Formal] **\$25.00**

HORNED TWOTONE (Austin '58) EM-M-40" A sprightly twotone with light buff standards faintly marbled in lilac. Falls bright rosy amethyst, bordered to match standards. Beard heavy, yellow, ending in a 1/2" horn bearded in blue-lilac. Very nicely branched, usually with 3 or 4 branches. Its abundance of pollen, and its very low price, will make it a "must" for all beginning hybridizers . . . **Reg. \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00**

WINGS OF FLIGHT (Austin '57) M-42" A new horned Iris with falls so heavily substantiated, so flaring the flower seems ready to take off in flight. Standards closed and heavily ruffled, soft pearly mauve and pale yellow. Falls pure white with a one-half inch margin of pearly mauve. Beard yellow ending in a prominent lavender-white horn, usually 1/2 to 1 inch long, sometimes spooned. The wonderful flare makes horns very effective. Nearly a foot taller than its relative, Plumed Delight. Good branching, vigor and increase. Fragrant. [JS-M-176B X 638] **Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67**



WORLD'S FIRST
HORNED IRIS

UNICORN



FROM OVER 400

IRIS for Late Spring Bloom

Newest and the Inexpensive Popular Favorites

MAY and JUNE

USES: Tall Bearded Iris are adapted by height, size of flowers, and by the wide range of colors, for your main colorful displays in late spring. My Supplement gives many detailed suggestions on utilizing these and other Iris.

CULTURE AND HARDINESS: All Bearded Iris are of the easiest culture and will thrive in almost any garden bed. Select a well-drained spot that is at least partially sunny, and preferably in full sun. Well in advance of planting thoroughly mix in some well-rotted manure or complete commercial fertilizer. If soil is at all inclined to be soggy, plant on raised beds or ridges. Space the rhizomes 12" to 15" apart. Cover the rhizome (bulb-like portion) only about one-half inch, but set the slender roots deeply and well spread out. Water thoroughly. Keep moderately moist at least until new growth starts. Best kept moderately moist all summer, but where summers are dry and water is scarce, all Bearded Iris may be left dry all summer. Most varieties are hardy to winter cold. But in cold climates it is advisable to mulch well with straw at least the first winter to prevent frost heaving. If you want the largest flowers, the tallest stalks and the most abundant bloom from well-established clumps be sure NOT to disturb your new plantings for at least three years. But when the clumps become overcrowded dig them up in the summer and break apart, saving the best of the young new rhizomes for replanting. Many additional suggestions in my Manual.

SHIPPING & PLANTING TIMES: July to October for all types of Bearded Iris. (See chart, page 4.)

★ = Choice of inexpensive Iris, especially recommended for beginners. Page 20 shows that discounted sale prices may be used for all varieties on your order if your payment amounts to \$10.00 or more.

The Popular New Race of TANGERINE-BEARDED Iris World's Largest Assemblage — From 18 Hybridizers

Here's where you'll find new color combinations entirely without precedent — combinations which only a few years ago simply did not exist. Be the first in your neighborhood to display an eye-catching assortment of red or tangerine beards on flowers of various colors.

1958 INTRODUCTION

ARCTIC BLUSH (Austin '58) M-40" A beautiful new white with pristine purity of arctic snow drifts. Stands out for its height, extra large, superbly formed flowers & particularly for its coloration. While most whites have an influence of yellow, blue or lilac, this distinctive creation has a faint, ethereal blush of pink, especially in standards. To harmonize, and indicate modern trend, beard is tangerine. Pollen abundant. A technical fault (high branching) prevents this from being introduced at a high price, & makes it available at once to almost everyone. You'll delight in it just as it is. [Pink Tower X Pink Talcum] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

A Tangerine-Bearded YELLOW

FLAMING GOLD (Austin '57) M-L-42" Hybridizers and fanciers alike have long envisioned a yellow Iris with a tangerine beard. This one stands out as being eminently worthy of dissemination. Will be enjoyed, marveled at, by people everywhere. Standards creamy yellow, with vaguest hint of pink. Falls glistening light yellow with deep yellow hafts, a large brilliant orange-tangerine beard. Tangerine beard even more striking against yellow ground than against customary pink ground. Standards nicely closed, falls semi-flaring, gently waved. Branching excellent. Will stop your neighbors in their tracks. [Cloudcap X Hi-Time] Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$13.33

SPECIAL SALE ON HORNED IRIS

To Get Horned Iris Into Every Garden In The Land

All Horned are relatively new, so current stocks of some do not permit individual discounts for Sale prices as heavy as 1/3 off. However, as nationally advertised, my BIG 1958 SALE OFFER on Horned Iris is this: Order any 2 or more of my 9 Horned Iris and deduct a full 1/3 from the sum of their Regular prices (including scarce kinds having only a single price). With an offer like that, you can't afford to wait in bringing these fascinating novelties into YOUR garden! Now is the time to start collecting them.

HORNED ROYALTY (Austin '58) EM-40" I have withheld this remarkable novelty from introduction for 3 years to build up my stocks for its initial introduction at a popular price, easily within reach of all Iris lovers. A striking bitone, as my Ektachrome above shows. Standards amethyst-pink. Falls deep royal-purple, each with 1/2" to 3/4" horn projecting from very end of heavy yellow beard. To add to uniqueness of this new creation, horns are sometimes spooned, somewhat like spoons of a spooned Chrysanthemum. Pollen exceedingly plentiful and will soon be in use throughout the civilized world. Be among the first to use it! Try both selfing and crossing. May yield the first horned Flamingo. [JS-M-176B x 638] X Fantasy] Regularly \$3.75; on \$10 order \$2.50

PLUMED DELIGHT (Austin '55) M-32" A bewitching yellow cream, washed and veined in greyish lilac, bordered in pale yellow. Falls beautifully rippled, stiffly horizontal, much more flaring than those of its sister seedling Unicorn. Horns are usually more pronounced, somewhat more constant. Beards are yellow and white, extend out along deep violet horns, which usually project a full half inch from the falls. A violet center line on each fall, under the horn, completes the strange fascination with which this unique flower holds every observer. A very heavy bloomer, frequently producing two or three stalks from a single rhizome. No pollen, but a very heavy seed-setter. Often spooned. Unsurpassed as a promising parent for really new and startling creations. Be the first to get started! [JS-M-176B X 638] Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$13.33

FORMER A.I.S. PRESIDENT KNOWLTON FINDS THE HORNS & SPOONS:
"Plumed Delight, a white ground plicata with dark markings, had the longest 'horn' I have ever seen. At the base of the beard a long tongue stood out with a spoon at the tip. Most remarkable." Bul. 142, page 6.

PLUMED DELIGHT

The Plumed Delight is named a-right!
This sib to Unicorn
Is more bizarre with perfect flare;
Much gayer plumes adorn . . .
These violet plumes make fairy brooms
To brush the mists of morn.

Cream-yellow veined and lilac stained
Waved standard domes excite;
The lilac scheme dots falls of cream;
The beards are gold and white.
Horns, like a lark's, have violet marks
Enhancing Plumed Delight.

—George Nicholas Rees



HORNED ROYALTY — New, yet only \$3.75

Tangerine Bearded WHITES & CREAMS

ENCHANTRESS (Hall '54) M-36" Unique pastel beauty done in parchment faintly flushed pink. Falls have an overlay of amber. Beard brilliant orange. Large flowers with a wonderful enamel-like finish. Try this for something different and appealing. [Sunray X Hall Sdlg. 46-51] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

GAY PAREE (Plough '56) M-38" This is the widely heralded gay colorful carnival affair that you've been waiting for — a snowy white self with an overlay of chartreuse gold on upper part of falls. Beard heavy, geranium-red, giving a finishing touch. Branching low, excellent. In great demand, so get your order in early! Already the parent of some startling seedlings. Fertile both ways. HM'56 [(Hall Pink Sdlg. x The Capitol) X (Loomis Pink Sdlg. x Golden Eagle)] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

TANGERINE SNOW (Austin '57) M-36" A white as pure as drifted snow, with bright tangerine beard, setting it apart from older whites with beards in yellow or white. Nicely formed flower of good substance. I have many requests for a white with a tangerine beard, so this will be very popular. A sensational new color combination. Note parentage where you will see genes for both size and lacing. [Cloudcap X Party Dress] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$9.50

Tangerine-Bearded Iris of other colors on the next 3 pages.



Plumed Delight

WORLD'S SECOND HORNED IRIS
SISTER OF UNICORN



BENTON OBERON — *A new color combination*

← **BENTON OBERON**

is one of my 12 Announced Super Secret Varieties for 1958. As explained on page 20, you get **3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words**. It's easy and it's fun. Page 20 gives the names of all 12 varieties available this way.

Combination price for both Color Carnival and Cloudcap is only \$3.75



COLOR CARNIVAL — *Compels Attention* — \$2.00

FLAMINGO PINKS with Tangerine Beards

BENTON OBERON (Morris '52) ML-34" My color plate shows you the exceptional brightness and arresting color scheme of this new creation that I imported from England for you. A very courtly and trim flower done in bright fuchsia-heliotrope with a very prominent and contrasting beard in bright red-tangerine. Flowers of good size and with fine substance, well placed on stalk. Certain to attract attention. Heaviest bloomer of entire Benton series Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$7.12

CLOUDCAP (DeForest '50) EM-40" I have reports from six states — Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, California and Tennessee—all agree this is the largest, tallest and one of the best tangerine-bearded pinks so far. The giant blooms will often measure up to 7 inches. I doubt if you have ever seen any Iris this large. A delectable, slightly ruffled blossom pink, with wide closed standards and broad falls with an enormous tangerine-red beard. Remarkable seed setter. Pollen abundant, very fertile. Cloudcap is the finest Flamingo seedparent I have ever used. It was the seedparent for 3 of my 1957 introductions, Flaming Gold, Tangerine Snow and Rose Delight, a yellow, a pure white, and a raspberry-pink, all with tangerine beards. HM'51; AM'53 — [SQ72 X 6-44] See Ekta-chrome. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.90

CLOUDCAP — *Largest of all Flamingo Pinks* — \$2.00



COLOR CARNIVAL (DeForest '49) EM-36" If you want to stop traffic with a flamboyant Iris, plant COLOR CARNIVAL in front, where passersby can get a look at it. You'll have a flower that will stop people in their tracks. One you are bound to have sooner or later. Sets seed, pollen fertile. HM'50 — [Spindrift X ((Salar x Sandia) x Prairie Sunset)]. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.90

ANNETTE (Hall '55) M-34" An intriguing new color—a tawny deep rose, with a coppery cast. Center aglow with intense red beards. Nicely ruffled flower, having a crisp look and real garden value. HM'56, JC'57 — [(Sunray x Dolly Varden) X Mary Randall] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

ANTHEA (Corey '53) M-36" A ruffled semi-flaring flower in a most interesting shade of salmon pink, having excellent color value in the garden. Makes outstanding clump. Blooms of good size, substance and quantity. Particularly useful since it has a long period of bloom. HC'51 — [Pink Salmon X Pink Formal] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.75

✶ **BALLERINA** (Hall '51) M-36" Extra large ruffled pink. Petals are wide, thick, the form ideal, remarkably lasting. A medium-light pink with an attractive luster, a deep tangerine orange beard. Fully cold hardy. HM'51; AM'53 — [Cherie X Floradora] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

BENTON CORDELIA (Morris) 42" Here is a recent Dykes Medal winner (English Dykes 1955) that you can get and be quite exclusive, with a top notch new Iris that is hardly offered anywhere else in America. Many will want it for their Dykes Medal collections, so better order right away. This is the first time I have had enough stock to offer it, and it is likely to sell out soon. An innovation among pinks, and different from any American variety. Dark mauve buds open to a milky orchid-pink, with deep rosy-tangerine beards. Delicate and pure as a jewel, with faultless poise and form, yet it grows robustly to a good height. A stalk of Benton Cordelia shimmering in the sun is a sight of utter loveliness! [Benton Petunia X Radiation] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

BENTON OPHELIA (Morris '51) ML-36" A late release from breeder of renowned Strathmore. A delicately lovely flower of fine size and form. Light, rosy flesh pink deepening at the throat. Falls highlighted by bright apricot beard. Falls semi-flaring, of great substance; no venations or shading to mar the beauty. Bronze Medal '50 Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

BRIAR ROSE (Hall '55) VL-40" From pink breeding came this deep rose-to-raspberry affair that sports a small blue blaze just below the beard. Beard very bright and effective, geranium-red. Nicely branched—very tall and late Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

BRIGHT FUCHSIA (Austin '57) ML-40" Brightest of my fuchsia colored pinks, of extra large size. Flowers copiously formed. Standards arched, meeting, having an embossed pebbled effect around edges. Might be called a very much improved Fuchsia, with a much smoother, brighter flower and a redder beard. Whereas Fuchsia is usually only 24" to 30" high, this new one is up to 42", makes a much brighter display. Plenty of pollen for hybridizing. Parents as famous as they come. [Cherie X Pink Formal] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00

CHERIE (Hall '47) M-32" A delightful light flamingo pink of remarkable purity. Beautifully ruffled flowers of excellent form. Sets seed, yields abundant fertile pollen, is known to give varied and beautiful pinks. Fully hardy. Dykes Medal '51 — [Two Flamingo Pink Sdls.] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

✶ **CHERRY FLIP** (Schreiner '51) E-34" A real color gem, among the pinkest of Flamingos. A soft enamel sheen, a fiery tangerine beard give it distinction. Most effective as a landscape subject. Very free blooming. [(SQ51 x Mulberry Rose) x SQ70) X D. Hall 4205] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

DAWN PINK (Nesmith '53) ML-38" Even deeper in color than Courtier. The bright color has great carrying power. Many visitors claim this to be the pinkest Iris in the garden. A bitone, standards clear shell pink, falls deeper azalea pink, nonfading. Beard red-tangerine. A very heavy bloomer. HC'52, HM'53 — [(Barbara Luddy x 43-25A) X Courtier] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

FALL FRILLS — Frilliest twice-blooming Flamingo. See Autumns, page 33. Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

FANTASY EM-30" See in full color. Has a tendency to rebloom in fall. Pollen parent of Cherie and Fuchsia Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

Avoid that spotty appearance, and achieve the professional look in YOUR garden in a hurry, by ordering 3 of a kind and planting in groups.

**THREE
INEXPENSIVE
TANGERINE-BEARDED
IRIS
THAT YOU SHOULD
HAVE!**

All 3
for
only
\$2.95

Above 3
plus
Color
Carnival
and
Clouddcap
on page 8
for only
\$6.60



FANTASY

Captivating!

\$1.00

MELODY LANE

Breathtaking!

Only \$1.50

Page 10



PAGAN
PRINCESS
Flamboyant!

\$1.00



FLAMINGO BAY (Muhlestein '53) EM-36" Certainly among the best of Tell's famous strain of new pinks. A **vivid deep flamingo self**, with a **deep tangerine beard**. Flower large with fine form and substance. [Cherie X Pink Formal] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order **\$4.00**

FUCHSIA (Hall '51) EM-34" One of most vivid of the new pinks. A striking **deep raspberry-pink or fuchsia**, with a very thick beard, almost red. A self of quite uniform coloring and with nice flaring falls, slightly waved. Has a **strong tendency for blooming in fall as well as spring**. HM'53 - [Tally Ho X Fantasy] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Hall '52) EM-ML-36" Close to the top of Dave Hall's creations. Imagine a flower in the deep rich coloring of Heritage but twice as large. Flowers are beautifully ruffled, very striking when used in arrangements. Unlike some of the Flamingo Pinks, has lots of vigor. Will form a heavy blooming clump for you in a hurry. Very long blooming season. AM'54; RU-Dykes '57 - [From Hall flamingo pinks] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.85**

JUNE MEREDITH (Muhlestein '54) ML-36" My favorite! Believed to be the **pinkest flamingo to date**, and acclaimed by many for its depth and purity of color. A heavy tangerine-red beard adds greatly to the effectiveness of the bright coloring. One of the few real advances in deep flamingo pinks. Flowers large, with broad petals and excellent form and substance. Pollen produced profusely. You can't go wrong on this charming, richly colored pink. JC'55, AM'56 - [Party Dress X Pink Fulfillment] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price **\$12.00**

MARSHA KAY (Tompkins '54) M-L-37" A self in bright glowing fuchsia-rose with a fiery red beard. This brilliant affair is certainly for those who think most of the new pinks are of too soft a coloring. Flowers large, of excellent form, nicely spaced on strong well branched stalks. [(Spindrift x (Spring Maid x Far West) x Flora Zenor) X Golden Eagle] Regularly \$2.00; on 10 order **\$1.70**

MARY RANDALL (Fay '51) M-36" Most sought of all Flamingo pinks. Popularity climaxed by winning Dykes in '54. A deep rose pink self with a bright red-tangerine beard. A splendid break in color termed Bengal Rose. A large flower with remarkable thickness of petals, hafts wide, free from markings, falls round, flaring, with a rippled edge. A flower of near perfection on strong stalks with well-spaced branches. Superb for hybridizers; pollen amazingly fertile. Produces wonderful seedlings. [New Horizon X (Pink Cameo x Cherie)] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

MEMPHIS BELLE (Pierce '52) EM-36" A bright raspberry-rose-pink of great garden value, with a bright tangerine beard. A delectable variety given highest praise wherever viewed. Its extreme floriferousness is its crowning virtue. Makes a gorgeous garden clump. Characterized by Mrs. Reynolds as "The largest, tallest, lushest pink I've seen. It is so lusty, in fact, that it should be divided every year to keep the blossoms from crowding just as you thin peaches." Will brighten up your garden in a hurry. HC'51; HM'52 - [Fantasy X Pink Cameo] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order **\$3.32**

NATIVE DANCER (Fay '54) M-37" A frequent award-winning light peach-pink of lovely form and a pink-tangerine beard, heavily subtended and broad petaled. Vigorous and fully winter hardy. Well branched with 12 flowers to the stalk. JC'56, AM'57 - [F₂ of Pink Cameo x I. pallida) X Mary Randall] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.62**

✳ **PAGAN PRINCESS** M-38" See in full color. Large, well formed. Known to yield startling offspring. Often re-blooms. Fertile both ways Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

✳ **PARADISE PINK** L-32" The pinkest \$1.00 Iris and one no beginner should pass up. Beard red-tangerine Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

✳ **PARTY DRESS** — Frilliest, laciest of all Flamingos. See Lacy Lovelies, Page 44..... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

PEPPERMINT PINK (Buss '55) M-44" A seedling of Pink Talcum that is larger and pinker, and with the yellow influence greatly subdued. Close to a true pink with a very contrasty tangerine beard. Tall, vigorous, dependable. .Reg. \$4.00; on \$10 order **\$2.67**

PINK CAMEO E-36" Luscious salmon pink, tangerine beard. 75c; on \$10 order **56c**

PINK FORMAL E-L-40" Finest dollar pink with red beard. Outstanding for color, substance and seed-setting ability Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **75c**

PIANISSIMO (Edmison '54) M-35" A new break in color, somewhat like the remarkable Palomino. Standards pale peach; falls white bordered with an amber-peach band, sporting a white beard tipped with peach. A beautiful pastel. Try placing it with whites or pale blues, and watch its lovely color sing. Petals lightly laced. Abundantly fertile, providing hybridizers with opportunity for new color patterns. Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**

PINK CAVALIER (Wallace '55) 50" A tall, showy, reddish-salmon-pink, with a flaming strawberry-red beard. Buds intense red-salmon. Flowers 5½" to 6". Many of blooms meet one at eye-level. Imagine what this may do in improving the height and branching in your breeding. Has lace-edged Midwest Gem in its pedigree! [(Hall's 41-10 x Midwest Gem) X Orange Pink Seedling] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

PINK ENCHANTMENT (Muhlestein '54) E-M-34" Deepest and truest in color of any pink I have seen. Not as large as June Meredith, or Pink Fulfillment, nor as well formed; but the color alone will simply bowl you over. A brilliant cerise pink beard adds to the already stunning color. The real experts are beginning to use this in breeding, and already it is proving a remarkable parent for deepening the pink color in seedlings. Holds its deep color well in the sun. A new creation that I can recommend highly. Has already yielded the enchanting Frosted Lace. JC'55, AM'57 - [Raspberry Ice Cream X 49-11] Regularly \$25.00; Sale Price **\$22.00**

You'll be wise to stock up **quickly** at these unprecedentedly **LOW** Sale prices. If possible, get your order in during the **EARLY Spring**, while all stocks are still plentiful. By late May or June some of the choicest varieties are likely to be running low and may become sold out. 9



STRATHMORE — From England — \$4.00

STRATHMORE (Morris '49) EM-32" A flower of remarkable purity and trueness of color. Exceptionally smooth, precise styling. A good seed-setter and pollen parent. Very high among desirable parents in breeding flamingo pinks, to bring in fresh blood from overseas. Personally selected by H. M. Queen Mother Elizabeth and named for her own home. Now you can have it! [Edward of Windsor X Hall Pink seedling]. **You get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words.** See page 20. . . . Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order **\$3.80**

✳️ **PINK SENSATION** (Hall '48) VE-33" A true, delicate light pink, sporting a bright orange-red beard. Novel lacinated petal edges. Extremely early. Tops for hybridizers. HM'50; AM'52 — [Pink Seedling X Courtier] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

PINK SYMPHONY (Austin '57) M-38" Very best of my softly colored flamingo seedlings. Surpasses most flamingos in both effectiveness and size, being 5½" high. Like a greatly improved Strathmore. Imagine a flower nearly twice the size, with a scarlet-tangerine beard much brighter, larger, more prominent as it curves out onto fall much farther than in most varieties. Like Strathmore has yellow hafts, but intensified on both sides of brilliant beard. Substance very good, retaining precise styling for a long period. Stems tall, two or three branches and terminal flowers. Pollen abundant. [Pink Sensation X Nelson No. 47] Regularly \$12.50; on \$10 order **\$8.33**

✳️ **PINK TALCUM** ML-46" Stunning peach-blossom pink, red beard, 6" spread. . . . \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

PRETTY PINK (Murray '56) M-37" A very large, wide light rose pink with a deep pink beard. Falls flaring. Standards closed. Stalks tall, exceptionally well branched with many flowers to the stalk. [Golden Eagle X Spindrift x Pink Cameo] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**

ROSE DELIGHT (Austin '57) EM-40" Attractive bright fuchsia-pink characterized by falls with pale yellow hafts decorated with soft golden brown veins. Standards nicely cupped and closed. Falls semi-flaring, held stiffly in position by very good substance. Beard red-tangerine. Good pollen. Superb pedigree. [Cloudcap X Courtier] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

ROSE SAILS (Pierce '55) 36" A very pleasing seedling of Memphis Belle, it is more rose in color and with the same fine growing habits. Standards closed, falls very flaring. Highly praised by the experts. HC'53 [Memphis Belle X Twilight Sky] Regularly \$12.50; on \$10 order **\$8.33**

TALLY-HO (Hall '49) ML-34" Something new, pleasingly different! Upper part of falls close to deep color in a bright fuchsia-colored orchid. Domed standards and lower part of falls lighter. Breeders will delight in having this wonderful parent; when crossed with Flamingo pinks throws orchid pinks, golden apricots and burgundy shades. HM'50 — [Fantasy x (Golden Eagle x pink blend)] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.40**

TANGERINE CARNIVAL (Austin '57) ML-34" Resembles ever-popular Marquita, but in a modern version with a bright tangerine beard. Standards and falls light pink. Falls almost completely covered with purple veins, giving a highly distinctive effect. When you note seed parent you will see where the veins come from. Branching good, plenty of pollen. [Color Carnival X Clasmont] Regularly \$12.50; on \$10 order **\$8.33**

TRULY FAIR (Plough '56) E-L-46" A wide full flower in bright medium pink, with an intense red-tangerine beard. Has many good qualities, including long-lasting flowers. Will make a beautiful clump in your garden. HM'56 — [Cloudcap X Pink Formal] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

WIDE AWAKE (Lapham '53) M-36" Probably the most stunning of all the new pinks, from the viewpoint of its huge flame-scarlet beard, which immediately attracts everyone's attention. Here is an Iris that will make a conversation piece in any garden. A beautifully formed light buff pink. It is slightly ruffled and has excellent texture and substance. Hard to beat for a real eye-stopper. HM'53 — [(Premier Peach x (Isabellina x Spindrift)) X Paradise Pink] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order **\$2.62**

WINGED FUCHSIA (Austin '57) ML-42" A bright fuchsia-pink self with a red-tangerine beard. Falls so heavily subtended they flare out like the wings of a bird in flight, giving the flower a six inch spread. A clump of Winged Fuchsia is so bright and colorful that it stands out across the garden and attracts everyone's attention. The horizontal falls are beautifully waved and have a quaint dip in the center. You'll love this one! Pollen very abundant. [Radiation X Pink Formal] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price **\$10.00**

A Tangerine Bearded RED

GARNET GLOW (Sass '51) ML-36" A "break" in Iris color combinations. The first bright rosy red self with rich red tangerine beard. Striking large flowers of heavy substance with flaring falls, a smooth finish. Try this for something really unusual. Has abundant pollen and may yield seedlings in pink, buff or red. HM'52 Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

Tangerine Bearded BLUES, PURPLES and MAUVES

BENTON BEATRICE (Morris '51) ML-40" An immense flower in soft pleasing mauve with enticing pearly overlay, set off by the apricot-tangerine beard. Beautiful form, domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Tall, nicely branched. Once seen, never forgotten. Pollen abundant Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

✳️ **BLUE ABALONE** — The only blue with tangerine beard. Oncobreds, page 36. . . \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

✳️ **LOTTIE LEMBRICH** (Lapham '51) M-37" Imagine the color of old-fashioned lilacs. Then add a bright red-tangerine beard! An Iris that draws one back time and time again. [Lapham E-4 X Paradise Pink] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

MARSALA (DeForest '48) ML-34" A beauty. An improved Pagan Princess, deeper color with a beard more of a reddish-orange. Flower is fuller and falls broader, especially at hafts, close to 2" wide. Bright Persian Rose coloring attracts visitors from afar. [Sister of Color Carnival] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order **\$2.33**

Tangerine Bearded APRICOTS

✳️ **APRICOT GLORY** (Muhlestein '51) M-L-36" A clear rich apricot, deepening at heart of flower. Color purest imaginable. Substance heavy, falls nicely flaring. An excellent parent. Seedlings range from white with red beards to shades of pink, salmon, apricot with orchid undertones and the real break—pure oranges. AM'53 [(Golden Eagle x Hall's 40-24) X Gay Orchid] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$1.67**

APRICOT SUPREME M-40" A large rich gleaming apricot-pink; full beard of deep geranium pink. Well formed. Stalks tall, extra fine branching, luxuriant foliage. Fertile pollen, sets seed, even crossing with Arils. . . . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **95c**

MELODY LANE (Hall '49) EM-36" See in full color, page 9. Ideal for adding an entirely new color note to YOUR Iris Rainbow. Pleasingly fragrant. A splendid seed setter, exceptionally fertile pollen. HM'50; AM'52 Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.35**

"Melody Lane is exquisite and all that your catalog claims it to be. You may be interested in knowing, too, that it proved to be by far my strongest grower and most profuse bloomer. The rhizome you sent me produced ten flower stalks, not one of which had less than seven blossoms, and all were perfect in color and formation. Satisfactory is hardly the word."—Page G. Nourse, Newark, Delaware.

ORANGE CREAMO (Muhlestein '53) ML-38" A luscious apricot-orange color gem of very heavy substance, satiny finish. Very close to the true orange, a color that carries very well. Superb blood for pinks and new rose-orchid shades, as well as orange tones. No haft markings, beard orange. Fast to increase. HC'52 — [(Salmon Shell x Pink Formal) X Apricot Glory] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

TEMPLE BELLS (Hall '52) M-36" Extra large flower like famous Hi-Time, but larger, without the salmon. Heavy reddish-orange beard sets it apart as most stunning apricot-yellow of our generation. Interests hybridizers, as it is from Dolly Varden, one of largest of Flamingos. HM'52; AM'54 — [Fuchsia X Dolly Varden] Reg. \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

✳️ **TOP FLIGHT** (Hall '53) M-34" A luscious smooth apricot pink that wins the praise of every visitor. Beard fiery orange-red, very thick and heavy. Plant this where you will, then watch your visitors congregate. Indescribably beautiful. Near top in BOTH 1955 Awards of Merit and Judge's Choice. [Hall pink lines] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$1.67**

PALOMINO (Hall '52) E-M-36" Color pattern so distinct it stands out. Standards coppery pink sharply contrasting with ivory falls prominently bordered in coppery amber. Beard rich red-tangerine, bright as a bonfire, wonderfully effective against ivory falls. A huge Iris of splendid form and substance, with such a marvelous color effect that it will indeed transform any garden. Some feel that the Flamingos are too much alike but Palomino has no counterpart. To see it is to want it! My color picture shows you why. AM'54; RUDkys '56 — [Hi-Time X 46-31] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order **\$3.32**

PALOMINO — Truly memorable — \$3.50





ARGUS PHEASANT — 1952 Dykes Medal — \$1.00

Main Section of TALL BEARDED IRIS

You'll find below all of my 1958 offerings in Tall Bearded Iris **except** for the following 3 important new Races that have been segregated out as explained at the top of page 6:

HORNED IRIS — See pages 6 and 7.

THE LACY LOVELIES — See front and back covers.

TANGERINE-BEARDED IRIS — Flamingo pinks, and other colors with tangerine beards, pages 7-10.

The Tall Bearded varieties in the above 3 special categories are all included in my alphabetical Index on page 43, but not those in the following main listing of Tall Bearded Iris.

1958 INTRODUCTIONS

BLUE INTENSITY (Austin '58) E-M-36" A very large beautifully formed flower often attaining a flower height of 7 inches. An intense, bright blue self with a yellowish white beard. Simply wonderful for effective garden display, due to brightness of color, large size of flowers, abundance of flower stalks and number of flowers per stalk. All of these qualities make for a very colorful plant. Low and heavily branched, with usually 3 flowers per stalk open at once. From Berkeley Blue X Chivalry and thus is a sister of my twice-blooming BLUE SURPRISE (page 32) in a brighter blue. And, like BLUE SURPRISE, it's fragrant... **\$10.00**

GOLDEN BALLET (Austin '58) EM-M-38" A livelier, more golden version of the well-known Ballet Dancer, which was its seed parent. Pollen parent was my Flamingo pink seedling No. TP-31. A sumptuous, stunning flower measuring 6½ inches across. Substance very heavy, especially in the flaring falls. Standards are golden-buff, with an intriguing hint of pink from the Flamingo pollen parent. The falls are buff-yellow, becoming bright orange-yellow at the haft. A beauty! **\$10.00**

ARGUS PHEASANT (DeForest '48) EM-38" An exceptionally large flower in bright golden Argus brown that has taken people's fancy. From President of The Iris Society of England, H. Randall: "The highest praise can be given to this smooth brown Iris. It seems to have every virtue, and I stake my reputation that it will be eagerly sought after in this country." Dykes Medal '52 — [Casa Morena X Tobacco Road] See in color at left. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 80c

ASPENGLOW (Loomis '56) L-36" A wonderfully rich, full, and beautifully formed deep yellow, with just a touch of ruffling. Surely one of the very best of the new introductions, and one destined to become very popular. Reported as the deepest gold seen, and non-fading in the sun. Large blooms on strong well-branched stalks insure a long season of bloom. Can stand up under the hottest competition in its color class. When Dr. Loomis sends one out, you can be sure it's tops... **\$12.50; on \$10 order \$8.33**

BANG (Craig '55) ML-36" Widely acclaimed, much coveted, rich bright red. Made a BANG at Salt Lake Convention. Fisher Harris characterized this as a big rich bright red, closest to true red yet achieved. Far outclasses ordinary reds. Will be sought by fanciers and breeders alike. Substance good. Beard golden-bronze. Lots of pollen. HM'55; JC'56 — [Savage X Cordovan x Molten] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00

BEACON HILL (Corey '55) M-38" A clean, light blue, smooth and ruffled, holding its color well. Color deeper than its famous seed parent, Helen McGregor. Much admired wherever grown. Completely hardy, originating in Massachusetts. Proving a good parent. HC'50; HM'54 — [Helen McGregor X Bay State].... Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

BELLE MEADE (Wills '52) M-39" A very superior new pure white plicata, feathered at the edges with violet-blue. Has sufficient color to give a very blue effect from a distance, yet is delightful on a close examination. Excellent branching. RU-AM'57 — [Blue Shimmer X Snow Crystal] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.80

BENTON OLIVE (Morris '49) E-M-36" With the present swing to near-greens, this novelty in silvery olive-buff is destined to be popular. I imported this from England as there are none like it in this country. A subtle new coloring that will prove very useful to arrangers. There is enough green in its makeup to cause it to be used by every hybridizer working toward greens. Has very good pollen. I will be using this in my hybridizing for greens. Sometimes blooms in Autumn. Color plate below... Reg. \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

BERMUDA BLUE (Lothrop '54) M to L-40" A near self in medium blue class, with great intensity of color. Good form, substance and tall nicely branched stalks. Standards conical, falls semi-flaring, satiny, exquisitely rounded. Rich grape fragrance. Loads of pollen Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

BERTHA LOMBARD (Eckles '55) ML-29" An appealing dark blend for near front of border. Standards deep yellow, flushed pale crimson. Falls flaring, ruffled, soft crimson, with a brilliant gold patch in center. Well-branched vigorous grower. Excellent seed-parent. [China Maid X Tobacco Road] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.87

BENTON OLIVE — Green-tinged — \$2.50

ABBIE COLLET (Williams '55) M-32" A very smooth deep cornflower blue that has been a great favorite in the garden. The flowers are large, fluted and flaring and there is a slight intensification of the color in the falls. The substance is excellent and Abbie Collet is reported from Sacramento as being the only blue that stood up against both hail and high winds. Stalks stout and straight. Flowers well spaced on beautifully balanced branches Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.75

AL BORAK (DeForest '52) M-36" A sensational Iris that is in great demand among the Iris fanciers. The largest of all the horizontal-fall browns. Imagine falls 3½" to 4" across by 3½" long, with hafts a full 2" wide. Standards glowing copper with a gold undertone. Falls lively brown-russet. Already demonstrated to pass its remarkable broad form on to its offspring. You could pick no finer variety to use as a parent to work along this line. HC'49; HM'53 — [(Her Grace x Prairie Sunset) X Copper River] \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

ALI BABA (Lyon '52) M-L-40" A sister seedling to The Mad Hatter whose deep maroon coloring contrasts with the bright red of Ali Baba. The standards are flushed with garnet-brown and the falls are deep brownish-garnet-red. Hafts particularly broad. Does not fade in the hot sun. Flower very large and impressive. Best garden effect obtained when planted where the afternoon sun filters through the blossoms. Pleasing fragrance. [Ranger X Cordovan] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37

✱ **ALLINE ROGERS** (Kleinsorge '50) LM-34" Truly immense, often with 8-inch spread; wonderful horizontal falls of amazing substance, and a most delectable blending of peach, pink and alluring buff. Named for the wife of a recent president of American Iris Society. Delightfully fragrant. [Cascade Splendor X Daybreak]... Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

✱ **AMBER GEM** M-36" Bright chestnut brown and gold .. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

APACHE CHIEF (Brown '55) EM-36" One of the most unusual Iris in the garden. A pearly light-greyish-brown with a pink undertone, and a large lavender blaze in center of fall. Flowers large, flaring, of excellent substance. Try it for a real novelty. [Grand Canyon X Sandalwood] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

APRIL SHOWERS (Craig '54) M-38" A tall, ruffled yellow that is a real novelty. Might be termed a fancy plicata. Standards clear light yellow; falls have a silvery quality with the sunlight yellow showered on the surface with greatest intensity at the margins, haft and beard. Has a copious brushing of white and pale lilac in the center of the falls. Tall and nicely branched. Fine vigor and increase. Sets seed with both Oncobred and Tall Bearded pollen. [Mariposa Mia x (Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Belle Brunett) X Joseph's Mantle] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$5.70

ARABI PASHA (Anley '53) M-ML-36" This is the rich, deep, cornflower blue with a blue beard, that won the English Dykes Medal in '53. A smooth finished, nicely tailored flower that has been receiving high praise from all quarters. Wonderful substance and the most velvety falls of any blue to date. The beard is a unique feature, very long and prominent, yet harmonizing in color, violet blue lightly tipped in yellow. Likely to remain the best deep blue for a long time to come. [(Blue Ensign x Windermere) X Blue Ensign] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

AUTUMN BROWN (Lowry '52) L-38" A brilliant dark brown Iris of unusual beauty. Not an autumn blooming Iris but it gives a splendid performance late in the spring blooming period. A blend of rich brown with an underlay of red-purple and burnished gold, giving an effect of glowing chestnut brown with a lustrous sheen. Flower lightly fluted with closed cup standards and broad falls with a delightful twist at the tips. Strong, well branched stalks. Fertile both ways. HM'52 — [Aberdeen X Bryce Canyon] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

✱ **BALLET DANCER** (Kleinsorge '49) EM-38" See in full color, page 12. A delightful golden apricot buff that has such wonderful horizontally-flaring falls it is at once a focal point of attention of all Iris fans within sight of it. Falls stand out like the swirling skirt of a ballet dancer. HM'49; AM'52 — [Chamois X Cascade Splendor]..... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c



"What a desolate place would be a world without a flower."—MRS. BALFOUR



**BALLET
DANCER**
Captivating!
\$1.00
See page 11

- ✱ **BIG TIME** (Lapham '51) M-39" An immense flower with bronzy red standards, falls rosy red with a blackish overlay, lustrous finish. Beard heavy reddish-yellow. Great breeding potentialities. Pollen abundant. [Red Waves X (Redward X Copper Rose)] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00
- BIG UTE** (Wallace '54) M-37" A rich glowing red blend of classic quality that enjoyed much popularity among the A.I.S. convention visitors at Salt Lake City. There is a suggestion of a violet-blue sheen below the beard, and this gives it much the appearance of a greatly improved Grand Canyon. A huge flower with wide, flaring falls and closed standards. Stalks sturdy, well branched. A good grower. HM'55; JC'56 - [Grand Canyon X (Lancaster X Three Oaks)] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67
- BLACK CASTLE** (Schreiner '53) M-32" Black Castle is a close approach to a jet black. Wonderful large flowers of splendid form. Deep orange beard indescribably rich, like a sparkling jewel on a black evening gown. Will give bold contrast to any variety you may have in your garden. [Sister of Black Forest X Down East] \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33
- ✱ **BLACK DIAMOND** (Schreiner '51) ML-35" A copiously formed, heavily subtended ebony-blue-black. Lustrous black sheen. Truly a black diamond to radiate a beauty all its own among the varied jewel tones of the modern Iris garden. HM'52 - [(Sister of Black Forest) X Down East] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00
- BLACK FLARE** ML-34" Wonderfully flaring near black. \$1.00; on \$10 order 90c
- ✱ **BLACK HILLS** (Fay '51) M-38" A much-heralded black. A shade blacker than Black Forest. Produces splendid 38" stalks. A full petaled and nicely proportioned flower with a smooth blue-black color but no haft markings. Wonderful velvety black falls. HM'51; AM'54 - [Black Valor X Gulf Stream] X Black Forest] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67
- APPRAISAL IN OCT. '56 A.I.S. BUL.: "Black Hills has not been topped . . . performs in all gardens, and above all it has garden value—for it holds its head up with the best of them. Now that the price is down, no garden should be without it." Mrs. G. Roach Sr.*
- BLACK MICHAEL** (Morris '49) L-42" About twice the height of Black Forest. A black of noble proportions from England, of tremendous weather-resisting substance. Standards rich very dark blue-violet; falls very flaring, of deepest velvety violet black. Well branched. Silver Medal Eng. Iris Soc. '48 - [Persephone X Blue Ensign]. \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37
- BLACK MISCHIEF** (Schreiner '53) EM-36" Early blooming descendant of Black Forest that is taller than its famous parent. Intensely colored near black, as rich and deep a midnight hue as can be imagined. Very free flowering. [Black Forest X Cameroun] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37
- BLACK RUBY** M-35" Velvet crimson black, striking. Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 60c
- BLACK TAFFETA** (Songer '54) M-L-35" My favorite among blacks. Characterized as the most beautiful of them all. Almost the first black to have some ruffling, which adds greatly to its charm. A purplish black self, black even to the beard. JC'56, AM'57 - [Black Forest X (Storm King X Sable)] Regularly \$8.00; on \$10 order \$6.00
- ✱ **BLUEBIRD BLUE** (Fay '53) M-36" A large, non-fading, hardy, very clear shade of medium blue. Beard white, tipped lemon. Flowers full, round, nicely tailored. A beauty from two great parents. A good seed parent. HM'54; JC'55 - [Helen McGregor X Cahokia] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67
- ✱ **BLUE DRAPES** (Tharp '53) ML-38" A larger, finer flower in ever-popular pattern of Amigo. Light blue standards contrasting with deep, velvety purple falls. [Amigo X (Lord of June X Esplendido) X Persia]] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33
- ✱ **BLUE PARAKEET** (Waters '50) M-L-42" Charming chicory blue very different from other blues. Hafts have decided greenish gold area extending nearly an inch down the fall. This feature not only produces a stunning flower, but also places Blue Parakeet among the various approaches to green now sought by every hybridizer. Even standards have flush of greenish gold. Perfumed flowers. HM'53 - [Bandmaster X Azure Skies] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00
- ✱ **BLUE SAPPHIRE** (Schreiner '53) EM-40" Came out on top in the '56 Awards of Merit; has been heralded by repeated reports from all over the nation. A very blue silvery flower of extra large size and exquisite purity. Petals very broad with heavily ruffled edges, yet with extraordinarily heavy substance enabling the flowers to come through a storm. Makes finest background Iris imaginable. [Snow Flurry X Chivalry] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

✱ **BLUE RHYTHM** ML-38" Very popular silvery cornflower blue; Dykes Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 50c

BLUE SERENE (Wills '53) M-35" Everyone is familiar with the Dykes Medal-winning Blue Rhythm. Here is a wonderful descendant of it that is even bluer and in a lighter tone. A clear light blue that is aptly described by its name, and is certainly one of the aspirants for the "truest to blue." Lightly and informally waved, and with a nicety of finish and form. Reportedly hardy and has proved to be a good bloomer both in the North and South. Hard to beat for hybridizers seeking a top parent for blues. HC'52; HM'53 - [Blue Rhythm X St. Regis] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

BLUE VALLEY M to L-38" Beautifully ruffled, large in size. A single rhizome has been known to produce 7 flower stalks. Enticingly fragrant. [Lake George X Great Lakes]. See Ektachrome. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

BOLD ADVENTURE (Wells '55) M-L-48" Imagine a black to height of 4 feet with immense, bold flowers creating a "new look" for black Iris. Has a slight maroon undercast and is accented by an exotic brown-black beard. If you want something excitingly different try Bold Adventure. So recently introduced will be new to almost anyone who visits you. [(Acropolis X Destiny) X Starless Night] X Captain Wells] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

BOLD CONTRAST (Linse '54) ML-40" Stands out as most beautiful variegata I have seen. A large perfectly formed, heavily subtended flower. Standards clear bright gold; falls smooth, blackish maroon red, with partial edging of yellow, and strongly contrasting orange-yellow beard. Hafts very smooth, almost devoid of markings. Indeed a bold, stunning contrast in colors—a real crowd-stopper that you won't want to miss. Pollen plentiful. HM'55; JC'56 - [Extravaganza X Rajah Brooke] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

✱ **BOLD COPPER** (Sass '50) L-38" Lovely brownish-copper well displayed on exceptionally fine low branched stalks. Slightly ruffled, very pleasing. Color enlivened by a sparkling glow. Pollen abundant. [(Golden Age X Prairie Sunset) X Ola Kala] X Tobacco Road] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

BRIGHT GEM (DeForest '53) M-36" A new one from DeForest that I can unhesitatingly recommend as the finest brown Iris I have seen to date. A rich velvet brown of remarkable brilliance and having a glowing reddish-brown or mahogany hue. Color intensified by a dark brown beard. Hafts practically devoid of reticulations. An immense flower with a 7-inch spread, nearly horizontal falls and the heaviest substance of any brown Iris. One of the 3 finest new Iris to bloom for us in '56. The others are Caroline Jane and Celestia. [Argus Pheasant X Garden Glory] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

BRIGHT HOUR (Douglas '52) ML-37" Most stunning of new amoenas. Large, beautifully formed flowers of great color value. Standards pure silvery white; falls vibrant purple, with snow-white border. Beard bright yellow. Pollen often good. HM'53, RU-AM'56 [Cook 129-42 X Criterion] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

BUTTERHORN (Sass '55) M-38" A new lemon ice that will take your breath away. Ground color like icy white velvet, petals edged with broad band of pure lemon-gold. Petals broad, perfectly proportioned, delicately ruffled. Has domed standards and well extended falls. Perfectly branched and of extremely vigorous growth. Has a wax-like clarity and purity that makes it the most beautiful of this type that I have ever seen. Destined to become very popular. HM'55 - [White and pink plicata sdg. X soft pastel plicata sdg.] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00

BY-LINE (DeForest '54) M-40" A sensational and very colorful new yellow plicata like a larger and darker Fire Dance. Among the largest of Iris, with standards in soft burgundy red with a creamy flush in the center; falls bright yellow with a wide border of heavily stippled dark burgundy red. Beard yellowish-orange with a tiny black signal line at its end. Excellent branching. A dandy! [Tiffanja X Firecracker] X Rodeo] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

CALYPSO (Douglas '55) M-37" Here we have the Iris that is "tall, dark and handsome." A true self in deep, dark violet. There are no venations. A profuse bloomer that is well branched and fully hardy. [Barbara Adams X Gulf Stream] \$7.00; on \$10 order \$6.65

CARAMEL (Lowry '54) M-36" A lovely and distinctive Iris in rich butter-caramel tones. It has brown shoulders and a faint blue blaze at tip of beard. Standards conic. Falls wide, flaring. Flowers firm subtended, borne on well branched sturdy stalks. Perfectly hardy. Nothing else quite like it. HM'54; JC'55 - [Mexico X (Mexico X (Old Parchment X Katherine Larmon))] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

CAROLINE JANE (DeForest '51) M-38" Flowers are enormous and the glistening white ground has a beautiful pattern of delicate blue markings. Wide in both standards and falls; falls flaring, ruffled. Seems to be a favorite wherever it is grown. One of the two Iris that stopped our 1956 A.I.S. convention visitors in their tracks. The other was CELESTIA. The 2 are "MUSTS" for every up-to-date Iris garden. HM'51; AM'55 - [(Her Grace X Tiffany) X New Hope] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$3.32

✱ **CASA MORENA** (DeForest '43) M-38" Huge, rich chestnut brown, glowing like an ember. Heavy bloomer. Fertile pollen; one of best seed-setters. A delight for hybridizers and Iris lovers. Order NOW while still available. HM'44; AM'46. See Ektachrome. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

CASCADIAN (Linse '52) E-M-36" Wide ruffled white, positively stunning. Large, broad petaled, with a white beard and a mysterious greenish cast. [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle]. HM'55; JC'56; AM'57 Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

✱ **CASTLE ROCK** (Loomis '52) ML-36" A delightfully ruffled blue and white plicata of classic form and distinctive size and style. Falls heavily bordered. Excellent substance. Nicely branched. [Plicata Sdg. X Blue Shimmer] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

CATHEDRAL BELLS (Wallace '53) M-38" As name suggests, this is reminiscent of a melodious carillon. A light begonia-pink or shrimp pink. One of the topnotch new pinks in the lighter tones. Falls flare horizontally; edges serrated. Already in heavy demand. Passes its good qualities on to its progeny. HM'53; AM'56 - [(Hagen Blend X Overture) X (Golden Spangle X Pink Tower)] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.80

CELESTIA (Pierce '55) EM-38" I rate this as the finest blue Iris that bloomed in our garden last spring. This is the blue that the A.I.S. convention visitors went wild about when they were here. A light blue self of remarkably pure blue. Has extremely heavy substance. A real beauty with broad arched standards and ruffled horizontal falls. Mrs. Hinckley reports from Illinois that "This has everything one would want in a blue Iris." Probably coveted by more people than any other blue. HM'55; AM'57; RU-Franklin Cool Memorial Cup '57 - [(Snow Flurry X Lake Shannon) X (Helen McGregor X Chivalry)] \$12.50; on \$10 order \$8.33

CELESTIAL BLUE (Brother Charles '55) M-36" A very free flowering clear light blue self. Has a frosty sheen that gives the flower much life and sparkle. Has made a hit wherever grown. Single stalks sometimes produce as many as 17 blossoms with 3 to 7 flowers open at once. Standards nicely ruffled. Falls semi-flaring. Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

CENTENNIAL QUEEN (Wallace '54) M-38" A large heavily ruffled blend of deep copper and rose, rich and colorful. Beard deep orange. Nicely formed flowers, wide at haft. Well branched. [Lancaster X Three Oaks] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

★ **CHAMOIS** M-34" Immense, pure chamois self. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

★ **CHAR-MAIZE** (Lyon '49) M-44" Sea-foam chartreuse blended with deep yellow. Will delight flower arrangers seeking something different with real appeal. A large flower, heavy substance, withstands heat and wind. Has made name for itself, among fanciers and breeders. RU Dykes '53 - [Snow Flurry X Aztec Copper] Regularly \$1.75; on \$10 order \$1.17

★ **CHIVALRY** M-36" Glorious clear bright blue. Dykes. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

CLOUDLESS SKY (Watkins-Graves '55) M-39" Superb, very pure light Cerulean blue, without the usual infusion of lavender. A sister of The Citadel, having the same large size and lovely form, but is more heavily ruffled. Has proved very appealing to all who have seen it. Pollen fertile, a ready seed-setter. [Helen McKenzie X Jane Phillips] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

CONCORD VELVET (Crosby '52) M-38" Rich, very large, concord-grape purple. Beautiful flowers with exceptionally smooth finish. A wealth of bloom each year. HM'52 - [William A. Setchell X Sable] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

COPPER DAWN (Gersdorff '54) M-38" A fragrant, sparkling copper-pink self that glistens as if sprinkled with gold dust. Copper markings at haft set off the golden beard. Faint blue signal at end of beard. Low branched. [Pink Butterfly X Evening Skies] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.85

★ **CORDOLON** (Schreiner '53) ML-42" A flower so large as to be dramatic, yet it is a rose blend of exquisite color harmony. Possesses the caressingly soft appearance of silk yet boasts of an extra heavy substance. Tall and late, this is a flower of warmth, poise and grace. [Gypsy Rose X Alpine Glow] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

CORONATION RED (Hall '53) ML-38" Richly colored as the robes worn at a coronation. Will be a "high spot" in any garden. A bitone of glowing oxblood red, with large flowers and heavy substance. Beard rich orange. Very brilliant and non-fading. HC'52 - [Color Sergeant X Garden Glory] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

CRITERION (Douglas '51) M-38" Well-domed standards pure white with hint of lilac. Falls rich dark velvety violet, attractive white edging. Beard bright lemon yellow, contrasting with dark falls. Superb for hybridizer. Abundant pollen, sets seed heavily. Its seedlings have proved better than those from any other line of amoena breeding. From Criterion have come "Bright Hour," "Queen's Taste." HM'52 - [Extravaganza X Wabash] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37

DARK CHOCOLATE (Murray '54) EM-38" A beautifully formed flower that is such a great advance in this color class that it has created quite a sensation among the fanciers who have seen it. The hybridizers all covet it, too, as it comes from Tobacco Road, which is probably the most famous of all browns as a seed and pollen parent. A clean, dark chocolate color — as dark as Baker's chocolate, very large and tall, with good branching and very heavy substance. Very profuse flowering, often producing 3 or 4 stalks from a single rhizome. Rich, dark and commandingly different! HC'53; HM'54 - [Tobacco Road X Grand Marshal] Regularly \$8.00; on \$10 order \$5.33

DEFIANCE (Tompkins '53) ML-34" A red so bright and true has been coveted by many flower lovers since introduction at \$35.00. Now I have it down in price so many more people can obtain it. Frequently characterized as: "purest red I have ever seen." A dark cardinal self, with standards almost as deeply colored as falls, something quite unusual. Smooth, velvety texture. Excellent form, substance, free of veinings. Stands the sun. Beard bronzy-gold. Will create a sensation in YOUR garden, just as it did in the seedbed. Pollen abundant. HM'53 - [Manana X Technicolor] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00

★ **DESERT SONG** M-40" Beautifully ruffled cream. Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 50c

DIANEVA (Cook '53) EM-36" Might be called a large violet-blue version of Minnie Colquitt, liked by so many. Falls nearly pure white, with one-half inch margin of violet-blue. A flower of large size, fine form and excellent substance; dependable bloomer. Profuse pollen. [Blue Shimmer X Snow Velvet] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

★ **EASTER BONNET** M-38" Most colorful and spectacular pink Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c

EDITH POPE (Buss '55) M-45" A descendant of the famous Spanish Peaks that is of even larger size and of remarkably pure white, even to the beard, there being no markings of other colors. Combines the good qualities of both its parents. Thoroughly hardy and a good grower. [Spanish Peaks X Vista Veronica] \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.75

BLUE VALLEY — \$1.00

Get this
plus
Ballet Dancer
and
Casa Morena
for only
\$2.00

EASTER GREETINGS (Miess '55) M-36" Characterized by that real connoisseur Fisher Harris, as a white Iris which is one of the 2 or 3 finest of its color. A flawless pure unmarked white with a very bright lush yellow beard to reflect warmth through the interior of the flower. Precisely domed standards and truly horizontal falls of enduring substance. Note pedigree and you will see why it is destined to be a great breeder for both blues and whites. [(Winter Carnival x Berkeley Blue) X Cloud Castle] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

ELISE WERNER (Benson '51) M-32" A lovely heavily scented, ruffled, waved and semi-flared light blue that is perfect for front-of-the-border placement. Hardy and dependable. [Azure Skies X Great Lakes] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

ENCHANTED PEARL (Brown '56) E-L-36" A beautiful iridescent gleaming pearly blue-white with such heavy leathery substance the flowers last for days, even in wind and rain. The ruffled, horizontally flaring falls give it much grace and charm. Stalks carry so many buds it begins blooming with the earliest and ends with the latest. [Snow Flurry X Chivalry] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00

ETHEL SUMNER (Craig '54) M-38" A smooth shimmering lilac of unusual lightness and clarity that comes, as a surprise, from pink breeding. Light accent in center of falls. Beard apricot. A connoisseur's flower because of its polish and elegance. [(Blue Ox x Flora Zenor) x Hall 42-07] X Aahme Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

EXOTIC (Linse '54) M-48" A great big massive flower 7 inches across, produced shoulder-high on magnificent stalks. A new color combination in a most brilliant tan-rose suffused with gold with lilac blaze. Falls are 3 inches and over across, flare out horizontally with upturned ruffled edges. A unique flower with much appeal. [Prairie Sunset x Painted Desert] X Sultan's Robe Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

★ **FAIRY FANCY** (Sass '53) ML-38" A tantalizing Iris—just what the name implies. A chalk-white background with a distinct and individual overlay of pansy-violet, enlivened by a pansy-like pattern of fancywork at the throat. A lovely "fancy" that is quite individualistic. [Pretty Pansy seedling] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

FIGURINE (Babson '54) M-38" A delicate blending of lavender over pearly grey-buff. So unique it draws everyone's attention. Large, flaring, with great substance, wonderfully ruffled. HM'55 - [Snow Flurry X Unknown] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$3.40

FIREBRIGHT (Craig '54) M-30" An outstanding deep red of an intensity not before seen in Iris. Coloring is smooth and rich; further adorned with a dazzling violet blaze. A thing of beauty and a joy to behold. If you are one of the many who have come to prefer to get a few really good new Iris each year, instead of many of the older ones, this is certainly one to get this year. You'll never regret it. [Savage X Molten] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

FIRE DANCE (Fay '47) M-36" Most impressive of the vivid red plicatas. Deep yellow ground color supplies a strong contrast with the red coloring. Pollen plentiful. HM'47. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.20

FIRST VIOLET (DeForest '52) M-38" Won Dykes Medal in '56. A superb new creation in true sparkling spectrum-violet (neither red-violet nor blue-violet) without a trace of any other color to mar its fine quality. A flower of great size, with 6" ruffled flowers perfectly spaced on tall stalks. Flower parts wide and haft clean. A luscious color that seems to attract everyone and win the votes needed to get the Dykes. Fragrant. [Chivalry X Spanish Peaks] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$7.12

FLORA WHITING (Whiting '53) M to L-40" True lobelia-blue, smooth hafts, cream beard. Of great poise. HC'50 [Missouri x Gloriole] X Belmont \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

FOXFIRE (Fox '53) M-40" A very rich yellow with a light area below the beard. So outstanding it has created a sensation wherever seen. Color is deep and glowing and form excellent. When used as a parent it should produce blends and coppers as well as yellows. HM'53; AM'57; Franklin Cook Memorial Cup '57 - [Bryce Canyon X Ola Kala] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

FROLIC (Schreiner '52) ML-36" Brightest and most impressive of all the yellow-ground plicatas—in fact, almost the only one with a completely solid yellow background, with deft brown stipplings. Reminds one of the yellow lady slipper, or certain tropical orchids. Simply stunning for exotic orchid-like corsages, or for table decorations. Don't be without it! [Firecracker X Magic Carpet x Tiffany] \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.80

FRONTIER DAYS (Tompkins '53) M to L-36" The combination of a long line of breeding for better reds gave a hue near to cardinal red with a sleek and glossy finish that gives great brilliance and carrying power. Flowers very large with broad petals and flaring form. Substance very heavy. An excellent grower with strong, well-branched stalks. Sure to be an eye-catcher in any garden. [Bandit X Technicolor] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

The extra order blank is for that friend who loves Iris — or, you may need it later.
More order blanks or return envelopes on request.

CASA
MORENA

Only
\$1.00



FRONT PAGE (Kleinsorge '55) M-38" Many have admired the striking color pattern of Prospector and here is a flower of similar pattern, but almost twice the size and on a taller stalk. A brilliant red-gold with an eye-catching white patch in the center of the falls like a white signal. Should be great for crossing with the many Oncos having a signal patch. HM'56; JC'57 - [Solid Gold X El Paso].....Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

GAYLORD (Douglas '49) L-38" Hard to surpass in the amoena class as it seems to have everything—shape, substance, stalk and vigorous growth. Standards white. Falls red-dish-violet to deep blue-violet with a hairline of white around the edge. Beautifully ruffled and flared to perfection. A free bloomer with 3-branched stalk. Best new parent of this type. HM'49 - [Extravaganza X Wabash].....Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

GAY SPRING (Knowlton '53) M-38" A deep golden yellow self that gives a brilliant effect in the garden. Originated by a former president of the A.I.S., and hence widely sought. A ruffled eye-catching flower, with a lustrous velvety sheen, and a deep orange beard. HC'51; HM'55 - [Goldbeater X Ola Kala]....Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.80

GENE WILD (Craig '52) ML-36" Charming new fancy. A larger, more vibrant version of its seed parent, Rich Raiment. Standards light red, large, round and waved, slightly open, exposing bright violet ridge down center of yellow style arms. Falls very flaring, deep rich crimson with white veins brushed on a yellow ground. Beard unusual, nearly white. Finest Iris in the fancy pattern released to date! Pollen plentiful. JC'55; RU-AM'57 - [Rich Raiment X Joseph's Mantle]Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

GLOBETROTTER (Linse '56) M-42" An immense golden rose-tan blend, with a spread of 8". Blooms have falls 3" across, so this is indeed a King-size Iris, and was at first known by that name. A blended self of rosy golden tan and deep rose. Has a fascinating iridescent quality. An excellent parent, fertile both ways. [(Tobacco Road x Casa Morena) x Bryce Canyon] X Orangeman]Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

GOLD ANTHEM (Douglas '54) ML-40" A hardy, very sun-resistant bright clear yellow, with flaring form and great substance. Widely branched stalks and many buds give this a long season of bloom, and thus extra garden value. Color effect highlighted by heavy brilliant orange-yellow beard. [Minosa Gold X Unknown] \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

GOLD CUP (Murray '56) EM-58" I can recommend this very highly as the very best yellow I saw at the '56 A.I.S. Los Angeles Convention. It was a runner-up for the President's Cup, so is very popular already. A huge flower in deep golden-yellow, with flaring falls and heavy substance. Flowers long-lasting, nicely displayed on tall stalks. HM'56; JC'57 - [(Brazil x Grand Marshal) X Tobacco Road]...Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$13.50

GOLD SOVEREIGN LM-30" Deep yellowish-orange that stands out like a beacon light. Garden visitors drawn by attraction of the unusual. Sets seed; profuse quantities of pollen. See EktachromeRegularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 75c

GOLD SPLENDOR (Murray '55) EM-37" A very new bright yellow of high quality, a self in what might be termed deep orange-gold with an orange beard. Is a sister to Murray's much sought Dark Chocolate. Should be a wonderful parent, not only for deep yellows but also coppers and browns. [Tobacco Road X Grand Marshal] \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

GOLDEN CROWN (Kleinsorge '54) ML-39" A new giant variegata, an absolutely stunning combination of old gold standards and richest plush-like falls of maroon velvet. Twice as large as Gypsy, more richly colored and with more flaring falls. An elegant and luxurious color combination that will attract attention in any garden. HM'57; JC'57 - [Spanish Fandango X Cascade Splendor x 367].....Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

★**GOLDEN SYMPHONY** VL-36" Symphony in yellow and heliotrope.....Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

GREAT DAY (Tompkins '53) ML-36" Done in rich glowing carmine it combines the best features of both parents. The lovely flaring form of Ebony Echo has been retained and Manana has given more brilliance to the red coloring and a complete cleanness to the hafts. Flower has same heavy substance as both parents, with their non-burning qualities. Finish is rich and glossy with carmine-black overtones. Strong well-branched stalks with many buds. A great favorite with all who have seen it. HC'52; HM'53 - [Ebony Echo X Manana].....Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

GRECIAN URN (Sapp '54) ML-40" A heavily ruffled flower in a new shade of hyacinth violet, adding a new color note to the garden. Heavily ruffled flowers of very large size. Extremely broad petals and beautiful flaring form. Its size and new color attract attention immediately. Flowers over long season. [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle]Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

GREEN CHANCE (Murray '55) EM-38" A fetching chartreuse bitone that is certainly one of the very greenest Iris available today. Standards yellow-cream with a hint of green, strongly arched. Falls large, yellowish olive-green. A prominent Iris judge recently stated this contains more actual green than any other Iris he had seen. Pollen available for hybridizer. [Appointee X Green Pastures].....Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

GREENGLOW M-40" A white with a strong suffusion of greenish-chartreuse. Very large ruffled flower, wide of parts. Has good quality, height, branching, substance. Appeals to all who like the unusualRegularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 80c

GREEN HAT (Murray '55) M to L-38" A significant new addition to the green-toned Iris. Unique is certainly the word for this, as it has standards of green-chartreuse, falls of hazelnut-brown, edged with the green color of the standards, and set off with a gold beard. A flower of heavy substance, producing 7 to 10 blooms per stalk. Should be wonderful for hybridizers; has two greenish Iris in its pedigree, Green Pastures and Appointee. [(Green Pastures x Melitta) X Appointee]Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.85

GREEN IVORY (Muhlestein '53) ML-36" Huge greenish-ivory self of very full wide proportions. One stalk makes a full bouquet. In demand by breeders of greens for crossing with such things as Char-Maize, Greenglow, Mint Julep. Better get started! [Desert Song X Sister to Greenglow].....Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

GREEN PASTURES (Heller '47) EML-48" One of closest approaches to green yet available. A delightful chartreuse yellow in pastel tints. Touch of blue at tip of yellowish olive beard most effective; accentuates cool green tones. Huge, tall, free flowering. Starts early, often still in good condition when late varieties come out. Reported hardy in Iowa, but some in cold climates protect rhizomes over winter with a good mulch. Introduced at \$30.00. Extremely popular, outselling all other approaches to green; in fact, it outsold all other varieties. I sent out over 1,000 rhizomes, yet over 100 people were disappointed as they got their order in too late to get Green Pastures. A word to the wise is sufficient—order TODAY. Pollen is abundant, highly fertile; excellent seed setter. Now is the time to get a start so you can begin crossing with various greenish tones. You may well come up with a world beater. HC'45; HM'47 - [Old Ironsides X Oregon Sunshine] See in colorRegularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

★**GREEN SHADOWS** (Sass '43) M-38" Here are green tones in a large flower of fetching light buff chartreuse. Well formed, heavy substance. Try crossing with other "greens." [Jean Cayeux X Amitola]Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order 83c

For other GREENS of all types see my Color Guide, page 4.

HALOLIGHT (Schreiner '53) L-42" A glorious, radiant blend of golden buff, rich apricot; undertones of pure gold. Opulent form and perfection of branching leave little to be desired. A real standout. [Alpine Glow X Gypsy Rose].....Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

HAPPY MEETING (Lyon '55) ML-36" A highly ruffled plicata with exceptionally heavy substance and attractive color. Ruffling so dense it takes two days for a flower to open fully. This same ruffling stiffens flowers so that they last 4 days after opening. Standards old ivory, heavily sprayed violet. Falls white-white with a solid ¼" edging of deep violet. Beard tipped in blue. Splendid branching, size and form. HC'53; HM'55 - [Lovelace X New Hope] Reg. \$12.00; on \$10 order \$9



**HIGH
COMMAND**
Only \$1.00

**RAINBOW
ROOM**
Only
\$1.00

**A
TRIO
TO
BRIGHTEN
YOUR GARDEN**

QUECHEE
\$1.50



All three for \$2.60

- ★ **HELEN MCGREGOR** EM-32" Ruffled light blue; Dykes winner. \$1; on \$10 order 67c
- ★ **HELEN MCKENZIE** (Graves '50) M-37" Really white with no haft markings or touches of other colors; even beard is white. Noted for perfection of form. Perfect flower placement. Long season of bloom. HM'50; AM'53 - [Franconia X Mt. Jefferson] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00
- HIGH COMMAND** (Long '45) M-34" Yellow standards have remarkable clarity of coloring. Blackish crimson falls have a leathery substance with ability to withstand storms. Extra large, commanding attention because of size, coloring and abundance of bloom. [Eternal City X Louvois]. In color, page 14. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c
- ★ **HIGHLAND FLING** (Lowry '53) M-36" A bright red plicata with domed standards heavily flushed and stippled with deep rich red-purple. Falls semi-flaring, white, neatly edged like standards. A slightly ruffled and very graceful flower. Well branched. [Tiffany X (San Francisco x Mme. Louis Aureau)] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67
- ★ **HIGH SEAS** M-40" Magnificent blue-white, silky and ruffled. Heavily ruffled, of very large size. Stalks carry many buds. Useful in breeding. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c
- HORNED ROSYRED, HORNED ROYALTY**, etc., see my new race of Horned Iris, pages 6-7.
- HUNTSMAN** (Sass '55) M-36" A very intriguing new color described by the originator as a dark blackish-brown self that may also be termed a "chocolate red." Massive ruffled flowers with broad petals and heavy substance. Beard bronzy-gold. Most outstanding and different! HM'55 Regularly \$12.50; on \$10 order \$8.33
- ICE CARNIVAL** (Watkins-Graves '54) ML-38" The best reverse blue bicolor I have seen, and one to take your breath away! Picture light azure-blue standards gaily paraded above falls of icy white, the whole flower very frilly and ruffled, with a crisp iridescence. Refreshingly different. HM'54; JC'55 - [Jane Phillips X Mt. Jefferson] Regularly \$8.50; on \$10 order \$5.67
- INCA CHIEF** (Mitsch '52) M-L-35" An enormous and spectacular Iris. A wonderful vibrant color - a brilliant lustrous burnished gold-bronze. Blooms perfectly proportioned with a gentle ruffling, a regal carriage. Comes from the cross of Mexico X Tobacco Road. These are two of the best parents in existence so Inca Chief should prove to be a marvelous acquisition for any hybridizer. HM'52; AM'54 Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00
- IRIS LURE** (Murray '55) LM-40" Yes, this has an attraction for everyone who sees it. Standards and falls medium lemon-yellow, both with a large white area. Very heavy substance and perfect branching. [Gudrun X Grand Marshal]. \$3; on \$10 order \$2.70
- ★ **JANE PHILLIPS** M-38" Near true blue. Tested in this country and England and has met with high favor. Proving to be a good parent. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c
- JOAN CRAWFORD** (Benson '54) M-40" Joan Crawford has endeared itself to all who have seen it, particularly in Miss Crawford's garden in Brentwood, California, where it received endless attention. Combining the excellent qualities of its parents, this exquisite finely chiseled silvery-blue self presents a picture of loveliness and serenity comparable to its namesake who unhesitatingly selected it as her favorite. Honeysuckle-scented, full petaled, heavily substonced and very stylish. Standards domed and fully closed; falls semi-flared and attractively rippled. HC'52; HM'56 - [Tosca X (Azure Skies x Great Lakes)] You get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. See page 20 Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$14.25
- KIKI** (Graves '51) M-39" A marvelous medium blue bred from two Dykes Medal winners. Possesses a frosty sheen that sparkles and glistens in the sunlight. A smoothly finished flower of flaring form and heavy substance. HM'53 - [Helen McGregor X Great Lakes] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00
- ★ **LADY ALBRIGHT** (Muhlestein '50) ML-36" This will make a spotlight of attention in any garden. A vivacious flower that is simply alive with color. Standards, intense coppery-brown; falls, brilliant rosy violet, neatly edged in bright copper. CC'49; HM'50 - [Veishea X Bronzed Copper] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33
- LADY RUFFLES** (Schirmer '53) EM-36" A "must" for those who love the highly ruffled Iris. A gardenia-like white so beautifully waved and ruffled it reminds one of organdy graduation gowns. Simply gorgeous! [Snow Flurry X 14 A]... Reg. \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67
- LAS FLORISTAS** (Combs '56) E-L-48" An original and novel "fancy" in red, brown and eggplant, reminiscent of old Spanish fiestas. Great blood for reds, plicatas and re-bloomers. [Joseph's Mantle X Orelia] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.00
- MAHARAJAH** (White '55) ML-40" A seedling from Tobacco Road crossed with pollen of Spring Secretary. So now we have the great breeding potentialities of Tobacco Road in a GLOBULAR 5" bloom on a 40" stalk, beautifully branched. The color is sparkling honey-gold and reddish tawny shades. Will be a focal point in your garden for a month or longer. Fertile both ways and may prove to be even a greater parent than Tobacco Road. Be among the first to use it in your crossing. Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.25
- MAGIC CARPET** ML-32" See Ektachrome, page 16. Standards vivid gold. Falls cream, with rippling waves of deepest rose. You'll love it Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

LATE SNOW (Douglas '53) L-VL-42" A wonderful and dependable late white that actually blooms with Extravaganza and thus greatly prolongs the season of white Iris in the garden. Unsurpassed substance and branching. A large tailored white with pale yellow beard. Very impressive. [Vigil X Themesong] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

MAJORETTE (Miess '53) ML-37" A different, interesting Iris that has form, substance, branching; in fact, everything! Falls deep maroon with striking white beard and epaulet-like white plicata markings on hafts. The rosy-mauve standards stand up like a majorette's tall hat. In this day of hundreds of Iris introductions it's a joy to find an Iris that is truly different. JC'55; AM'56 - [Golden Gleam X Wayfarer] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$5.70

MAYTIME (Whiting '50) ML-40" Heralded as finest rose-pink amoena, a breeding triumph. Standards pale orchid-pink, nicely rounded, cupped. Falls broad and round, deep rose, contrasting sharply with standards. Your garden needs this beautiful pink. AM'53 - [Pathfinder X Shannopin] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.60

MELLOW GOLD (Lowry '55) M-32" A soft mellow yellow, pleasingly ruffled, and of great beauty. Small white area below yellow beard. Heavy substance, hardy and vigorous. HC'52 - [Tobacco Road X On Guard] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

MIDCONTINENT EM to L-40" A rich golden brown. Large, widely rounded and well placed blooms. Extremely long blooming season. Cross with other long season bloomers such as Ruffled Organdy Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 75c

MINT JULEP (Recknor '53) M-36" A new Iris having a chartreuse coloring very similar to that of Char-Maize. A large full flower that is a true self and is devoid of any other coloring. Introduced as a breeding Iris for those interested in this elusive green coloration. Well branched. HC'52 Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

MIRAGE (Reinhart '56) M-36" A new and fascinating color break in plicatas. Standards and falls reddish-black violet; narrow edging of yellow on both. Bright daffodil yellow at haft ending in a point at end of beard; white blaze in center of yellow blaze. Really novel and effective. Good substance, fully hardy. [Royal Scot X (Orloff x Elsa Sass)] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

MISS CHRISTINE (Watkins-Watkins '54) M-36" A delightfully ruffled and frilly lemon-yellow that has everything—appealing color, fine form, substance and excellent branching. A self with 10 or more flowers on strong stalks that are especially well-branched. [Spun Gold X Katherine Larmon] Regularly \$7.00; on \$10 order \$5.25

MISSION GLORY (Hamblen '54) M to L-38" A rich, glowing red-brown self of classic form and lovely smooth finish. Extra heavy substance. Blooms large, well spaced. Wonderful blood for coppers, browns and reds. [Bryce Canyon X Garden Glory] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

MR. MOON (Weed '55) EM-52" Yes, Mr. Moon reaches for his namesake and in so doing sometimes attains a height of 62 inches, making this and the Oncobred Sespe the 2 tallest Iris in our garden. Simply wonderful for tall background plantings behind all of the Iris of ordinary stature. A ruffled clear white with soft yellow beard, huge in size and quite sensational when seen growing at such heights. [Snow Flurry X National White] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

MYSTIC LEGEND (Webster '55) M-40" Envision an Iris of huge proportions with standards domed, falls long, broad, delightfully ruffled. Now take the subtle lavender blue on the horizon and paint the standards. Lighten it with gray snow and spread the pigment over the falls. About the dove-gray beard infuse a hint of the green of spring to come. This is MYSTIC LEGEND, a flower that attracted the crowds at the Pasadena Iris show. Note particularly that it comes from Green Pastures' pollen. [San Diego X Green Pastures] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

MYSTIC MELODY (Stevens '51) M-36" A sister of Summit, while less contrasting, it is no less glamorous. There is a haunting loveliness about the butter yellow of the enameled sun-drenched falls and the luminous shimmering cream of the silken moonlit standards that weaves a spell over the beholder. Elegant and lovely. HM'52; AM'55 - [Fair Elaine X (Lagos x Gudrun x Sdlg)] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

GREEN PASTURES

Gigantic

Now only \$1.50

TWO TRAFFIC STOPPERS

Both for
\$1.70

GOLD SOVEREIGN
Only \$1.00



NEW SNOW ML-38" So near to winning the Dykes Medal that it was Runner-up in '50, '51 and '52. Truly as white as new snow. The beard is full bright yellow, adding a great deal of life to the flower. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **85c**

NIGHT PATROL (Benson '54) M-38" An Iris that so resembles a blue-black butterfly in flight that it is a consistent traffic stopper. A rich, smooth, deep blue-violet self with matching beard. Stiff, flaring, rigidly-held horizontal falls. Great blood for breeding dark Iris. HC'50; HM'55 - [The Admiral X Dymia] . Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

OEDIPUS REX (Zurbrigg '55) VL-38" This brilliant new contender for the "Best Variegata" is a regal Iris done in gold and dark red. Petals broad, hafts smooth. Substance heavy. One of the very last Iris to bloom and simply superb for lengthening out your blooming season. [Mexico X Gaylor] . Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

★ **OKLAHOMA** M-41" Bewitching sea-foam green & buff . . . \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

★ **OLA KALA** M-36" Pure very deep yellow; Dykes winner. Reg. 75c; on \$10 order **50c**

ONLY THIS (Craig '54) EM-50" The name comes from the characterization made by the late Professor Mitchell that if Tom Craig bred "only this" his reputation would be made. A huge, very tall, clear orchid-pink blend. Extremely prolific in its bloom, often sending up several flower stalks from a single rhizome. HC - [Prairie Sunset X Brilliant Amber] . Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

ORANGE GEM M-34" Orange-yellow, huge & hardy. . . Reg. 75c; on \$10 order **64c**

ORIENTAL GLORY (Salbach '50) M-30" The color and brilliance are dramatic. Standards domed, glistening mahogany red; falls flaring, rich mahogany brown, changing to gold at haft with a brilliant violet-blue blaze in the center of the falls. HM'52 - [Brilliant Amber X Sultan's Robe Seedling] . Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.90**

ORIENTAL PEARL (Lyon '56) M-38" A light medium orient pink with a flush of coral pink, brushed spinel pink in the center. Beard contrasting deep mars orange. Greatly admired by visitors and will be eagerly sought. Beautifully branched from low down, four branches and terminal. Sets seed. HC'55, HM'57 - [(Spindrift x Hall pink sdlg.) x Carabella] X Pink Formal] . Regularly \$17.50; Sale price **\$13.12**

★ **PACEMAKER** (Lapham '50) EM-36" A bright red self, exceptionally smooth, possessing a silken-like finish. Pollen highly fertile; sets seed well. HM'50 - [Edward Lapham X Red Waves] . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

PARISIANA M-28" A diploid white plicata, long world-famous as the seed parent of William Mohr. See special offer of free Parisiana rhizomes with Gatesii, page 27, so you can repeat this historic cross. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **95c**

★ **PATHFINDER** (Whiting '48) ML-36" Blooms large, round, very wide petals and wide hafts. While the color contains a little lavender, there are more true pink tones in this than in most of the others. Petals have glistening sheen and are of extremely heavy substance. HM'48 - [Mirabelle X Los Angeles] . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

PEARLY MORN (Thorup '51) M-40" Decidedly unusual, with a fascinating "mother-of-pearl" coloring. A very large full flower that holds its delicate coloring well. Substance heavy; branching extra good. 1st in Seedlings Salt Lake City '49, HC'49 - [(Snow Flurry x (Dolly Madison x W. R. Dykes)) X (Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau x Ricardi)] . Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

PHALANX E-36" Novelty in fuchsia & metallic rose. . . Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order **85c**

★ **PIERRE MENARD** (Faught '48) M-38" Large blue Iris. Flowers have been measured with a spread of 8" and a height of 6". A deep medium blue self with wonderful enamel finish. A lovely wave to the petals. A clump is breathtaking. Highly promising as a parent. RU Dykes '53 . Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

PINK ACCENT (Pattison '53) M-40" A much sought new pink plicata from famous parents. Standards white, flushed lilac pink. Falls white, peppered and lined in lilac pink. Large full flower; good branching. Has pollen and should be a good breeder. HM'54 - [Patrice X Cherie] . Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

PINK ENCHANTMENT, PINK FORMAL, etc., see my special grouping of all Tangerine-bearded Iris, pages 7 to 10.

PINNACLE (Stevens '49) M-38" Decorative color pattern—standards clear, sparkling white contrasting with falls of smooth primrose yellow. So fresh they remind one of daffodils dancing in the breeze. Sometimes re-blooms. HM'49; AM'51 - [Magnolia X (Gudrun x (Lady Morvyth x Rangatira))] . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

★ **PLACERITA** (Miess '50) M-36" A large beautifully ruffled flower in a color resulting from a mingling of rich gold, copper and brown, blended together to form a harmonious whole. Sparkles as if sprinkled with gold dust. Falls wide, flaring horizontally. Low branched. [Tobacco Road X Matula] . Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

MAGIC CARPET — A favorite, page 15 — 75c



PLACER MAID (Austin '52) M-24" A lovely fancy in pastel tints. Standards rich rufous buff, with style crests in bright orange-buff. Falls vary from white, flushed with lavender, to deep lavender brushed in white. Falls edged buff, decorated with fine needlework in dark brown; bronze beard, tipped gold. [JS-M-176B X 628] . . . Reg. \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$2.25**

PRETENDER (Cook '51) L-36" A color pattern never before seen in modern tetraploid Iris. The best of a series of seedlings Mr. Cook calls his "blue-falled variegatas," in distinction to the usual variegatas which have falls in red or reddish-purple. This unique bi-color has yellow standards, falls of deep blue violet. A real advance in new Iris color patterns. AM'55 - [From two Cook sdgs.] . . . Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

PRETTY QUADROON (Kleinsorge '48) ML-40" A revelation in lovely color harmonies, and superb beautifully ruffled form. A light coppery brown, smooth and appealing, with a glistening metallic luster and an undertone of amethyst and gold. A variety I predict will be top-flight for years to come. HM'48; AM'50 - [Mexico X Tobacco Road]. In color, page 17 . . . Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

PRIVATEER (Tompkins '54) M to L-35" A brilliant red self of large size from Chet Tompkins, and much resembling his famous Defiance, often attracting an equal amount of attention. A long lasting non-burning color, a velvety finish with no haft markings, and broad petals with lovely flaring form, all go to make this an Iris much to be desired. HM'54 - [Ebony Echo X Technicolor] . . . Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

QUECHEE (Knowlton '50) M-37" A handsome garnet-red self with broad cupped standards, flaring falls and a thick short bronze beard. Unlike many reds, the flowers do not burn or fade under the hot sun. Nicely branched. Pollen plentiful. HM'50; AM'53 - [Prince of Orange X Redyen] See life-like photo, page 14 . . . Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

QUEEN'S TASTE (Douglas '52) M-38" A by-product of Geddes Douglas' amoena breeding, this is a grand new and different Iris. Standards gleaming lilac-pink, falls broad, blended rose to violet red, very bright and velvety. About twice the size of most amoenas. Fertile both ways. It's time you tried it. HM'53; AM'55 - [Criterion X Olympian] . . . Regularly \$4.50; on \$10 order **\$3.60**

RAINBOW ROOM (Sass '46) ML-34" Brings together many of the colors of the Rainbow. Falls sparkle as if dusted with gold crystals. Form about perfect; lovely ruffling. HM'47; AM'51 - [Y Blend #50 36 (Sass H.P.) X Matula]. See in color, page 14 . . . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **95c**

RASPBERRY RIBBON (Schreiner '51) EM-34" Most stunning of plicatas. A real raspberry tone, a bright exciting color, applied generously and boldly, so it carries clear across the garden. Standards almost solid raspberry coloring except for a slight flush of white. Falls dazzling white made ever so prominent by the wide edging of pure raspberry. HM'51; AM'55. See lifelike Color Plate, page 17 . . . Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.42**

RED CHIEFTAIN (Sass '55) M-37" A glistening mahogany-red with great carrying power, and hence excellent for garden effect. Petals have a lacquer-like finish and a rich yellow beard. Standards domed nicely; falls semi-horizontal flaring up a bit at their tips, giving the flowers a winged appearance. Extra heavy substance gives the blooms a long life. Has a long pedigree including such Iris as Midwest Gem, The Red Douglas, Solid Mahogany and Prairie Sunset. With this widely diversified blood it should be a fascinating flower for the hybridizer. Henry Sass used Red Chieftain pollen to produce his new Huntsman. . . . Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

REHOBETH (DeForest '53) M-36" An unbeatable, superb new blue-white, which fittingly lives up to its name, which means "Peace in the Valley." Has been aptly described as "soul satisfying." The flowers of almost ethereal beauty measure up to 7" and over, and possess a leather-like substance and a satin sheen. Very dependable bloomer, and acclaimed wherever grown. JC'55; AM'56 - [Snow Flurry X Lake Shannon] . . . Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**

★ **RICH RAIMENT** (Craig '49) M-34" A colorful fancy. Standards light crimson, flushed yellow; falls broad, of splendid substance, dark crimson with white lines radiating from brownish yellow beard. Falls flaring, edges waved. HM'50. Reg. \$1.25; on \$10 order **83c**

RIO VALLEY (Tompkins '51) ML-36" Superb golden tobacco-brown with electric blue at tip of intense yellow beard. Falls beautifully finished, appear as if sprinkled with gold dust. Flowers large, nicely ruffled, broad petals, flaring falls. One that I can recommend for sheer beauty. [(Three Oaks x Honeyflow) x Copperclad] X (Tobacco Road x Copperclad)] . . . Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

ROCKET M-36" Large vivid orange, fine parent. . . Regularly 75c; on \$10 order **50c**

ROSE GARLAND (Wills '54) M-40" Few Iris have the perfection of form and poise of this very large rose bitone. Standards rose opal with a coppery undertone. Falls velvety rosy crimson with a bright yellow beard. Well branched. Pollen plentiful. [Hoosier Sunrise X (Prairie Sunset x Lancaster)] . . . Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

★ **ROSY RIPPLES** (Brown '55) L-40" A very large rippling rosy-magenta bitone. Broad flaring falls are slightly deeper colored than standards and have violet patch at tip of yellow beard. Stalks extra tall, carrying 4 or 5 well placed branches, insuring a profusion of bloom. A beautiful newcomer! [Lancaster X Aubanel] . . . Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$1.67**

★ **ROYAL SOVEREIGN** (Stevens '51) ML-38" A lustrous light golden orange reminding one of the California poppy. Sensationally smooth and clean—a true self without a single vein or variation of color. Falls very velvety like a rich plush. Standards rigidly held, of taffeta-like texture. HM'53 - [Golden Majesty X (Naranja x Redmayne)] . . . Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

RUFFLED ORGANDY (Brenan '53) E to L-42" An Iris with universal and spontaneous appeal, yet one that defies adequate description. Hence, I decided to show it to you in natural color. As you will see, it has a perfection and beauty of color and form that can hardly be duplicated by any other Bearded Iris in this entire catalog. A highly ruffled ivory-cream with a pearly undertone and a light gold border. Falls so large and so beautifully rounded one would almost think it had an Onco in its ancestry; but its pedigree does not indicate this. Tall 42" stalks with unbelievably fine 5-way branching and up to 23 buds. This insures a very long blooming season which will usually extend for at least a month. Winter hardy. Has been approved and appreciated by the Iris judges since its introduction. In '53 it topped the list of HM's. In '55 it received the AM, and in addition was 4th from the top in the elite list that constitute the "Judge's Choice." Fertile both ways. With such blood it cannot miss as a good breeder for new bearded Iris and visions of its many seedlings in lovely colors come to the mind's eye. Also it would seem to be made to order for the hybridizer eager to cross with Oncobreds and even true Oncos. It already has close to a perfect form and with that height and superb branching it is just what is needed for crossing with Oncos and their derivatives. No breeder should pass up an opportunity like this! HM'53; AM'55 - [Gilt Edge X (Snow Flurry x Nylon)] In life-like color, page 18 . . . Reg. \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$2.37**

★ **RUTH** M-38" Most ruffly and crinkly of yellows . . . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

The low discounted prices now make it possible to frequently order 3 of a kind for better garden effect.



PRETTY QUADROON — *Ruffling adds real charm* — \$2.00

SPELLBOUND (Linse '51) E to L-40" A large, spectacular new red with wonderful horizontally flaring falls. Will hold you spellbound. A beautiful thing **done in fiery brownish red** with smoothly blended golden hafts and a **golden overlay** on both standards and falls. It positively glows! Remains unfaded in hot sun, a rare quality for a bright blend. Has the delectable **fragrance of spice pinks**. HM'52 — [Tobacco Road X Prairie Sunset] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.50**

✳ **SPOTLIGHT** (Schreiner '52) ML-40" Yes, it will be a conversation piece, for it is a magnificent, very large Iris in deep golden yellow with a deep orange-yellow beard with a stunning white signal at the end of the beard. Breeders will be quick to use this for crossing with Oncobreds and even true Oncos to accentuate and bring out the signal. So far no Bearded Iris has a signal that can compare with that on some Oncos but here the breeding opportunity awaits the efforts of the thoughtful hybridizer. Will do wonders in bringing your garden up to date. HM'50 — [Goldbeater X Unknown] .. Reg. \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

SPRING MELODY (Miess '54) ML-40" A marvelous new pure dandelion-yellow like a bird-on-the-wing, due to the alert horizontal style of the falls. A yellow unmarred by any other color and in a brilliance and nonfading character that are quite remarkable. The gorgeous flowers are generously produced and will have most obvious superiority to the yellows found in most gardens today. When you get new Iris you might as well get varieties like this that you will be pleased with for a long time to come. HM'55 — [Sdlg. X Ola Kala] Regularly \$7.00; on \$10 order **\$4.67**

SPRING ROMANCE (Miess '49) EM-42" Breath-taking, with huge 7-inch blooms of heavy substance. A tall, waxy, non-fading, cream white, with a frosty overlay and infusion of aureolin gold. Very floriferous. Delightful fragrance. HM'50 — [Melitta X Narain] Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order **\$1.19**

SPRING SONNET (DeForest '53) M-38" A lovely combination of pure white standards, creamy-yellow falls. Petals large, broad, with flaring form. Tall, sturdy, well branched stalks. Surprisingly enough, has several tangerine bearded pinks in its parentage. Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

✳ **SQ-72** M-36" Famous Flamingo, fiery beard; for breeders. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

✳ **STAR SHINE** ML-36" Entrancing deep cream, white and pearly blue. Has the iridescent gleam of lustrous pearls. Firmly substantiated. Blooms over a long season. RU Dykes '53... Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

STORMY SKIES (Plough '53) M-38" Appropriately named to indicate how "different" this Iris is. A smoky blend of grey and buff, with a large unusually conspicuous signal of blue-lavender at end of beard. Everyone who visits our garden seems to want this so as to be sure to have something that is totally different from what his neighbors have. Most appealing, too! With Tobacco Road in the parentage, it should be a superb parent. HC'52 — [Arctic X Tobacco Road] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

✳ **SUMMIT** (Stevens '51) EM-40" Many pick Summit as their first choice among the three somewhat similar yellow amoebas as it has by far the strongest contrast between standards and falls. Standards pure snow white, falls deep golden yellow, much more intense than in Pinnacle. An Iris that is of epochal importance to breeders and I expect it to prove to be a hybridizer's paradise. [Sister to Mystic Melody] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

SUNNYSIDE UP (Buss '55) M-36" A rich deep yellow unmarred by a single line of venation and the beard of the same golden color. Distinguishing feature is a quarter inch pencil line of white extending beyond beard. Destined to outlive many of its competitors in the field of fine yellows Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

SUNSET BLAZE VE-42" A huge golden flame-salmon blend so brilliant it is almost red. Nicely ruffled. Stalks extra tall, widely branched. Very early. President's Cup '49..... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **75c**

SURPRISE PARTY (Kleinsorge '55) M-36" A surprise indeed, for this is an entirely new and exciting color combination. Just imagine rosy lilac standards and apricot-yellow falls. Extra well branched. HM'56; JC'57 — [(Chamois x Cascade Splendor) X Opal Cloud] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

SWAGGER (Lothrop '53) M-36" Big bold jaunty blackish-violet with broad flaring velvety falls and lilac-yellow beard. Said to be very fine. Produces stalks of good height with exceptionally good branching. [Esquire X 44-9] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.85**

RASPBERRY RIBBON — *Bold new plicata* — \$1.50



RUFFLED TAFFETA (Miess '54) EM-42" An exceptionally large deep pinkish lavender of such remarkable substance that it can best be compared to the heaviest taffeta. Imagine this cloth drawn into ruffles more artful and appealing than any human hand can make and you have an idea of the effect of this unique flower. Also, like taffeta, the color varies. Beard cream colored. Very tall stalks with fine low branching. HM'55; JC'56 — [(Snow Flurry x Great Lakes) X Lake Tenaya] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**

✳ **SABLE** M-35" Intense claret-black. Popular. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order **50c**

SABLE NIGHT (Cook '52) M-38" 1955 Dykes Medal. Sensational black, coveted everywhere. Standards deep blackish-wine, nearly closed; falls velvety, unbelievably black, with harmonizing dark bronze beard. Will be something for breeders of black Iris to shoot at for some years to come. A real crowd-stopper! Branching good. [(Indiana Night x Modoc) X Sable] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

SENIORITA ILSA (Rogers '53) M-38" A very broad petaled white of large size with excellent form. A white that is white even to crest, anther, stigma and beard, with absolutely no haft markings. Flowers well placed on strong stalks. A homozygous recessive white self, from 2 fine blues. HM'53; RU-AM'56 — [Helen McGregor X Sylvia Murray] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

SIERRA SKIES (Schortman '54) E-M-38" Crowding hard for the top position among all blues. Third from top in '56 Awards of Merit; next to top in '55 Judge's Choice. In opinion of Geddes Douglas, the nearest approach we yet have to spectrum blue. Flowers beautifully formed with a very pleasing wave. Stalks tall, strong, carrying flowers to perfection. A blue that cannot be praised too highly. Truly, Iris get bluer and bluer as the years go by. Better not pass up this one. JC'55; AM'56 — [(Santa Barbara x Sierra Blue) X Chivalry] Regularly \$8.00; on \$10 order **\$5.33**

SNOW FLURRY E to M-42" Glorious blue-white; unsurpassed as a parent. 75c; on \$10 order **50c**

SNOW GODDESS (Becherer '55) EM-38" A favorite of mine that appears to be the very best of the many white seedlings that have come from Snow Flurry. You will marvel at the massive heavily ruffled flowers with white petals and a yellow beard. Stalks widely branched with perfect flower placement. A real beauty that should find a place in your garden. HM'56; JC'57 — [Snow Flurry X White Goddess] Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order **\$6.67**

SOLAR MAID (Sass '55) L-38" Rich dandelion yellow, even to the beard. Petals broad, heavy substance, nicely ruffled. Very weather resistant — emerges from a storm looking as serene and lovely as if it had just opened. Branching good. Pollen plentiful. [(Ola Kala x (yellow sdlg. x Ola Kala)) X Bali Rose] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**

✳ **SOLID GOLD** (Kleinsorge '51) ML-36" SOLID GOLD completely overshadows all previous contenders for the top position in this important color class. It is huge in size and deepest, most intense yellow imaginable. Form is ideal, with very wide hafts. Intense color is remarkably fade-proof and lasting, even in the bright sun. Proving to be a superb parent; has yielded Front Page and Full Reward. AM'53 — [#338 X Ola Kala] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

✳ **SOLID MAHOGANY** E to M-36" Very finest inexpensive red. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

SORAYA (Lothrop '54) ML-40" A distinguished and distinctive tall Iris in lilac pink blended with shades of buff and brown, blazed purple. Named for the Queen of Iran and means "the glory of beauty." Try it. HC — [Hills of Gold X Easter Bonnet] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

SO SWEET (LaFrenz '54) EM-40" This is probably the most fragrant Iris in our entire garden. At Iris shows its fragrance causes more people to stop by So Sweet than any other Iris. A lovely pale porcelain blue-white with large rounded flowers, well branched. [Snow Flurry X Chivalry] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.70**

✳ **SPANISH PEAKS** ML-38" Huge very pure white; famous. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

See also my full lists of Oncobreds (page 36), and Autumn Bloomers (page 32), which include many varieties often listed by others with the Tall Bearded. Index is on page 43.



RUFFLED ORGANDY — Page 16
Perfection in form and color — \$2.50

- ★ **TABASCO** (Craig '51) M-38" A stunning, massive fancy; may be likened to paprika sprinkled over an omelet. Deep yellow with all-over sprinkling of rich orange-red. A novelty no one can pass by. HM'54 — [Rich Raiment X Joseph's Mantle] ..\$1.50; on \$10 order \$1
- TABU** (Schreiner '54) M-38" Bob Schreiner has been breeding blacks for many years, and here is his blackest. An unmatched black self which he says is his favorite among the ebony blue-black Iris. A supremely luxurious velvety flower that you will be proud to have in your garden. Sumptuously exotic, will simply take your breath away. HM'54; JC'55 — [Black Forest X Storm King] ..Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33
- THE CITADEL** (Watkins-Graves '54) M-38" A most beautiful pure white imaginable — a magnificent large white of intense purity, having no other color, even in the heart of the flower. Has been characterized as the whitest of all white Iris. Flowers heavy substance and beautifully formed, with flaring falls. This is quality plus. JC'55; RU-AM'57 — [Helen McKenzie X Jane Phillips] ..Regularly \$8.50; on \$10 order \$5.67
- THE LAUGHING CAVALIER** (Lothrop '53) L-40" A blue bitone conversation piece that will spread gaiety in any garden. Dark velvety falls set off with striking white beard. [Good Tidings X Esquire] ..Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00
- THE MAD HATTER** (Lyon '51) M & L-42" Color is the deepest of maroon reds with velvety falls overlaid with blackish maroon. An imposing flower abundantly produced on tall 3½ foot stalks with good branching. From Ranger X Cordovan, and, like all of its sister seedlings, emits the sweetest and most pleasing fragrance. May re-bloom. HM'51 ..Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.50
- ★ **THE TANNER** (Muhlestein '51) ML-31" An unusual mustard-tan self of fine flaring form. Quite different from anything else in my collection of over 1,000 named varieties. Should be crossed with extra tall varieties such as Ruffled Organdy and Mr. Moon. [Fortune X Tobacco Road] ..Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67
- THORWALD** (Knowlton '55) ML-39" Quite original. Large broad petaled orange blend. Standards yellow ochre ruffled, firmly held. Falls fluted, flaring, yellow ochre, flushed with Spanish orange. Rich orange beard. Flowers with great freedom on tall stalks. [Prince of Orange X Redyen] ..Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.97
- ★ **THOTMES III** (Kleinsorge '50) ML-40" Named for an Egyptian Pharaoh and already fabulous in Iris circles. A beautiful Kleinsorge brown to adorn your garden. A gigantic Iris with extra broad falls and heavy texture in a glistening golden brown with an illusive iridescence. Won silver medal at London Iris Show. Will be in heavy demand for years to come. Better get your order in before stocks are exhausted. HM'51; AM'53 — [Mexico X Kleinsorge 314] ..Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67
- THREE SIGNALS** (Marx '54) M-42" Large smooth violet-blue, distinguished by a big white blaze on each fall just below yellow beard. Well branched. When used in breeding should throw fine blues and plicatas. [Sky Chief X Los Angeles] ..\$3.00; on \$10 order \$2
- TOAST AN' HONEY** (Kleinsorge '53) M-33" A high quality luscious brown blend that is in heavy demand. A rich light golden brown, like butter and honey, with deeper toast-brown shadings on edges of falls. Flowers full, wide. Falls flaring, waved. Great blood for breeding browns and variegatas. HM'55; JC'56 — [(Mexico x (Aztec C. x Prairie S.)) X (Cascade Splendor x Daybreak)] ..Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$5.70
- TOP HAT** (Schreiner '54) ML-38" Schreiner's largest and tallest black to date. Most blacks are of only medium size, but Top Hat will measure nearly 7" when fully expanded. Coloring uniform into very heart of flower, with no haft markings, and a dark beard. Flowers very velvety and luxurious looking. Plant Top Hat where you will, and you will soon find a path beaten to it. JC'55; RU-AM'57 ..Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

- ★ **TRANQUILITY** (Fay '50) ML-38" Don Waters reporting from Ohio says "A flaring white Iris with green shadows throughout. Very good." Most cool and refreshing. Useful to breeders, particularly those working toward greens. AM'53 — [Snow Flurry X Katherine Fay] ..\$1.50; on \$10 order \$1
- ULTRA VIOLET** (Buss '55) EM-36" Aptly named, for this does, as the name implies, go beyond others in this same color class. Very notably a very deep violet color persists throughout the flower, even including the beard. Instead of thinning out, the depth of color is strengthened by a smooth touch of brown at hafts. A large broadly petaled flower, serenely beautiful. \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5
- ★ **UTAH SUNSET** (Muhlestein '51) EM-32" Originated by Tell Muhlestein who claims it is the largest and smoothest blend he knows. Simply luscious in its blending of onion-skin pink, buff and salmon. Every garden visitor is drawn to its size and coloring. The hafts are so smooth and unlined it will be a boon to hybridizers. Preliminary tests indicate that its seedlings are very fine. HC'49 — [Honeyflow X 46-16] ..Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33
- ★ **VEILED IN MYSTERY** (Milliken '51) EM-38" Mysterious and very lovely is this most unusual color break—a satin white with an ethereal dusting of the palest chartreuse. Standards and falls exquisitely fluted and ruffled. Another special feature is its unusual full violet beard, setting this apart from others, giving it unusual beauty. Has created a sensation among flower lovers and hybridizers alike. Introduced at \$35.00; now down to where Iris fans everywhere can enjoy it. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

LATEST DYKES WINNER

VIOLET HARMONY (Lowry '52) M-40" A magnificent large ruffled violet that has been widely and favorably commented on in the bulletins for the past several years. So outstanding that it easily won the President's Cup the year after its introduction. A gorgeous wide violet self that has been grown to its full glory in many different states and should certainly do well for you. Luckily this beauty has pollen and sets seed readily. AM'54; Dykes '57 — [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle] ..Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

WELCOME GUEST (Linse '52) E to L-38" A luscious yellow-gold merging to amber at the edges. An Iris with charm and style personified. Stalks have 3 branches and a terminal. Very brilliant and glowing. [Treva X Tobacco Road] ..Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

WHISPERS (Linse '51) M to L-42" Ruffled standards chrome yellow, nearly horizontal falls of amber white. Flowers 6½ to 7 inches across. Wide low branching—even the branches branch! HM'52 — [Jasmine X Blue Rhythm] ..Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

WHITE ADMIRAL (Morris '50) 36" A remarkable English creation not listed elsewhere in America as far as I am aware. Described by one writer as the "greenest white I have ever seen." A superb new white of great size and splendid substance, with strong, well-domed standards, large, widely flaring falls. A pale green glow within the throat intensifies the ice-blue white of the remainder of the flower. Beard pale amethyst, tipped yellow. Outstanding, both for the fancier and the breeder. Pollen plentiful. Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

★ **WHITE CINDERELLA** (Wallace '54) E to M-40" A huge and lovely pale blue-white that gives a wonderful performance by starting to bloom at the very beginning of the season and continuing with a succession of blooms. A wide, full, somewhat ruffled flower. Should prove very useful in maintaining garden bloom. [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

WHITE PEACOCK (Pattison '52) M-38" We have many fine whites but I am inclined to place this at the top of the list. The BIG ruffled flowers of near-perfection are a vision of loveliness. Color almost pure snow white but as evening approaches blue shadows cast their spell over the blossom. Falls very flaring, with a spread of 7½". Won the coveted Franklin Cook Memorial Cup at '56 Los Angeles A.I.S. national convention with an overwhelming majority, about 4 times the votes of the nearest competitor. No other white is in such active demand at the present time. May I suggest that if you want it this year, you had better order early. HM'52; RU-Dykes '57 — [Katherine Fay X Lady Boscawen] Regularly \$3.25; on \$10 order \$2.17

★ **WHITE RUFFLES** ML-44" Large beautifully ruffled white. \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

WHITE SHEPHERDESS (Sapp '53) M-38" Appropriately named. Very large clear white with broad heavy ruffled petals and flaring falls. A flower of heavy substance and smooth satiny finish. Stalks tall, with good flower placement. Try it. [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle] ..Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

WHITE SMOKE ML-40" Like late ruffled Snow Flurry. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 90c

WHITE WAVES (Pierce '55) M-36" A very pure white with unbeatable heavy substance and a bright yellow beard that gives it light, as do the stiff almost horizontal ruffled falls. Branching good. [New Snow X Winter Carnival] \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

WIDE WORLD (Cook '54) M-38" The first of a new race of imbricate hybrid Iris, being bred by Paul Cook. A new color break in a blue and white reversed bicolor that is scheduled to bring forth as many enthusiastic "ohs" and "ahs" as did Dave Hall's pinks when they were first seen. Low branched. Pollen abundant, so now you can easily get imbricate blood into your hybrids. HM'54 — [Iris Imbricata sdlg. X Tall Bearded blue] ... Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$6.67

★ **WINGS OF SONG** (Whiting '53) M-L-34" A delightful two-tone affair with perfectly domed standards in rich dandelion-yellow and pure white falls with a wide heavily ruffled yellow border. HC'50; HM'54 — [(Matula x Midwest Gem) x (Purissima x Matula)] X Gift Edge] ..Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

YACHT CLUB (Sapp) M-40" A heavy substantiated flaring pure white with real gold hafts and an orange-yellow beard. Has re-bloomed for us in both summer and fall, and may turn out to be a regular twice-bloomer. Pollen produced profusely. HC'54 — [Illinois X (Sun Shadow x Katy)] ..Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

YELLOW ORGANDY (Rees '52) L-42" Crisp as starched organdy, this pale yellow, green-tinged blossom is so heavily ruffled that it appears almost shirred. Large 6-inch flowers on four-branched stalks holding 12 buds. A second generation descendant of Snow Flurry. [(Snow Flurry x Happy Days) X Ming Yellow] ..Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.85

MY FAVORITE TALL BEARDED — BARGAIN NO. 19. Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in Tall Bearded Iris for \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00, as you prefer.

For Collections planned especially for Hybridizers, see page 25.

EASY TO ORDER COLLECTIONS EASY ON THE POCKET BOOK

As another 1958 innovation I am featuring below my new flexible or DUAL-PURPOSE collections. As is customary, I give attractive group prices for various designated assortments. In addition, I give, after the Regular price of each variety, my heavily discounted Sale price. Thus, if you do not happen to like the groups I have chosen, you may quickly and easily make up your own money-saving COLLECTION of any number or varieties from any of all of the groups using my SALE PRICES THROUGH-OUT, as long as the payment for your order as a whole is \$10.00 or more. To speedily find full descriptions see Main Tall Bearded section, starting on page 11, and variety INDEX on page 43.

American Iris Society AWARD WINNING Iris

Since no catalog can possibly illustrate more than a small fraction of the meritorious Iris varieties that are on the market, many thoughtful buyers of Iris have wisely come to rely for part of their yearly purchases on the 2 highest awards given by the American Iris Society, the Dykes Medal and the Award of Merit. I list below groups of these exceptional varieties, together with the Regular prices and my Sale prices for them. This, then, is your opportunity to get many of the world's finest Iris at sensationally low prices.

DYKES MEDAL—BARGAIN NO. 46

Here are the most-sought varieties in all Irisdom—the recent Dykes Medal winners from both sides of the Atlantic. Ordinarily it is impossible for me to build up stocks of these sufficiently to permit discounts. But for this catalog I made a special effort to plant heavily so I can make this unprecedented offer on the kinds you want most of all. This is the opportunity of a decade to get your coveted bed of Dykes Medal Iris started. I need not tell you how magnetically it will draw every visitor to your garden. Year of the award follows the name. You may have all 14 for only \$35.00; the last 7 listed for \$5.15; the last 6 for \$4.25; the last 5 for \$2.95:

ENGLISH DYKES WINNERS

	Regular	Sale
BENTON CORDELIA (1955) – Milky orchid-pink of faultless form.	\$10.00	\$ 6.67
ARABI PASHA (1953) – Rich cornflower blue, blue beard.	5.00	3.33

AMERICAN DYKES WINNERS

VIOLET HARMONY (1957) – Wide violet self; fertile both ways.	5.00	4.00
FIRST VIOLET (1956) – Sparkling spectrum-violet.	7.50	7.12
SABLE NIGHT (1955) – Sensational black, coveted everywhere.	10.00	6.67
MARY RANDALL (1954) – Popular; deep rose, red beard.	5.00	3.33
TRULY YOURS (1953) – Laced and ruffled yellow.	3.00	2.85
ARGUS PHEASANT (1952) – Stunning brown, see picture page 11	1.00	.80
CHERIE (1951) – Beautiful flamingo pink.	1.50	1.42
BLUE RHYTHM (1950) – Silvery cornflower blue.	.75	.50
HELEN MCGREGOR (1949) – Ruffled light blue.	1.00	.67
OLA KALA (1948) – Ruffled very deep yellow.	.75	.50
CHIVALRY (1947) – Glorious clear light blue.	1.00	.67
ELMOHR (1945) – Gigantic, world-famous royal purple.	1.00	.67

AWARD OF MERIT—BARGAIN NO. 47

Second only to the Dykes Medal Iris in reaching up toward the pinnacle of Iris fame are those superb kinds that have achieved the distinguished AWARD OF MERIT. For your convenience I list the varieties that received this honor separately by years. You may have the 2 top-notchers, June Meredith & Queen's Lace for \$20.00; any 3 with Sale price of \$5.00 to \$6.00 for \$15.85; any 3 with Sale Price of \$3.32 to \$3.60 for \$9.85; any 3 with Sale Price of \$2.00 to \$2.85 for \$5.95; any 3 with Sale Price of \$1.00 to \$1.80, \$4.25.

1957 AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS

QUEEN'S LACE – Heaviest laced white in existence; beautiful!	15.00	10.00
BLACK TAFFETA – May well be most beautiful of all blacks.	8.00	6.00
NATIVE DANCER – Novel peach pink with full pink beard.	7.50	5.62
CRISPETTE – Deep orchid, lacy, fluted & beautiful.	5.00	3.33
FOX FIRE – Sensational rich yellow; 1957 Franklin Cup.	3.00	2.00
CASCADIAN – Wide ruffled white, greenish cast.	3.00	2.00

1956 AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS

JUNE MEREDITH – Acclaimed as Tell's finest, deepest flamingo.	15.00	12.00
MAJORETTE – Rosy-mauve and deep maroon, white beard.	6.00	5.70
SIERRA SKIES – May be nearest of all to true blue.	8.00	5.33
REHOBETH – Unbeatable 7", pale blue, exquisite.	7.50	5.00
CATHEDRAL BELLS – Grand begonia pink, flaring.	2.00	1.80
BLUE SAPPHIRE – Magnificent silvery-blue, heavy bloomer.	2.50	1.67
APRICOT GLORY – Clear, rich apricot; good parent.	2.50	1.67

1955 AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS

QUEEN'S TASTE – Amoena, reddish falls, lilac standards.	4.50	3.60
PRETENDER – New combination, yellow standards, violet falls.	5.00	3.33
CAROLINE JANE – Unbeatable blue plicata, tall.	3.50	3.32
RUFFLED ORGANDY – Ruffled ivory-cream, perfect form.	2.50	2.37
LADY ILSE – Superb powder blue, exquisite ruffling.	3.50	2.33
FRANCES CRAIG – Ob – Tops in blue Oncobreds, large, flaring.	3.50	2.33
WHITE PEACOCK – Big ruffled white; a vision of loveliness.	3.25	2.17
TOP FLIGHT – Luscious smooth apricot pink.	2.50	1.67
RASPBERRY RIBBON – Bold raspberry plicata.	1.50	1.42
MYSTIC MELODY – Like improved Pinnacle, in white & yellow.	1.50	1.42

1954 AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS

PALOMINO – Lovely blend of ivory, pink & copper.	3.50	3.32
HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Big new pink with red beard, popular.	3.00	2.85
TEMPLE BELLS – Striking apricot-yellow, red beard.	3.00	2.00
INCA CHIEF – Vibrant gold-bronze; enormous, spectacular.	3.00	2.00
BLACK HILLS – Wonderful velvety black.	2.50	1.67
PARTY DRESS – Most lacy of Flamingos, choice.	1.50	1.00

My Most Surprising and Exciting Offer for 1958

!!Rainbow of Surprises!! — BARGAIN NO. 48

I want you to try quite a number of my own varieties and others introduced by Rainbow Gardens. I am in position to make it very much worth your while. Just look through this catalog for these originator's names: Ballard, Benbow, Brown, Morris, Rees, Wolf and Austin. Make a LONG LIST of all varieties by these originators that you would like to try. I'll personally select from your list and do my best to fix up a Surprise Rainbow Package that will give you "oodles" for your money, and that will more than delight you when blooming time comes. Send your list with your remittance for \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, or \$50.00 or more, as you prefer, but not less than \$5.00, please.

The longer the list you send me, the better values I'll be able to give you. Or, better yet, send no list at all, and leave the selection entirely up to me. I do hope you'll send at least \$20.00 or \$25.00 under this offer, for then I'll be able to include several of our very finest RECENT introductions, which are the ones I really want you to see and display for me. I'm sort of hoping that you'll help me in making my new ones better known. I'll have this in mind when I fill your order, and I'll bet you'll gasp with SURPRISE and amazement when you see what I send you – and when you see them bloom, you'll be back for another set next year. It will help you to know that all of my originations are shown in red in the INDEX on page 43.

P.S. To heighten the "Surprise" effect, if you send \$25.00 under this offer; I'll toss in a choice rhizome of my grand new fragrant BLUE SURPRISE (see page 32) as an extra, entirely beyond the regular "cup-overflowing" way in which I fill all "Rainbow of Surprises" orders.

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST—BARGAIN NO. 49

These colorful moderate-priced varieties have increased very heavily for me. This means: 1. I can give you an exceptionally good buy, all 1/3 OFF or better, and, 2. They will increase heavily for you, too, and you'll have loads of flowers in a hurry! Any 3 with Sale price of \$1.33 for only \$3.90; any 3 – \$1.67 varieties for \$4.90; any 3 with Sale price of \$2.00 or more for \$5.95.

TALL BEARDED IRIS

	Regular	Sale
JUNE BRIDE – Apricot pink with tangerine beard.	\$2.00	\$1.33
PLACERITA – Rich gold, copper & brown.	2.00	1.33
PRETTY QUADROON – Prettily ruffled brown, see picture page 17.	2.00	1.33
SPOTLIGHT – Deep orange-yellow, white signal.	2.00	1.33
WHITE CINDERELLA – Early to late, wide, white.	2.00	1.33
GUSSIE – Pinkish orchid, heavy lacy edges.	2.50	1.67
PINAFORE LASS – Almost like Japanese Iris; fascinating.	2.50	1.67
WHITE WAVES – Long-lasting, ruffled pure white.	2.50	1.67
WINGS OF SONG – Dandelion yellow and pure white.	2.50	1.67
EXOTIC – Brilliant tan-rose, 7 inches across.	3.00	2.00
STORMY SKIES – Blend of grey & buff, blue blaze.	3.00	2.00
WHITE SHEPHERDESS – Heavily ruffled white, wide & flaring.	3.00	2.00
ORCHID RUFFLES – First true lavender with lacy edge.	3.50	2.33
ENCHANTRESS – Parchment-pink, orange beard.	4.00	2.67
MR. MOON – Ruffled white, up to 62"	4.00	2.67

AUTUMN IRIS

ALMOND BLOSSOM – Peach-blossom pink, pink beard.	2.50	1.67
CUPID'S DART – Pinkish ivory, orange-tangerine beard.	3.50	2.33

DWARF IRIS

VERI-GAY – Bright yellow and red variegata.	2.00	1.33
WHITONE – Chartreuse or greenish yellow & white.	2.00	1.33
ABLAZE – Tiny very bright variegata, yellow & red.	2.50	1.67

ONCOBRED IRIS

GOLD SMOKE – Gold-russet & soft lilac.	2.00	1.33
GREEN MOHR – Silvery grey & greenish yellow.	2.00	1.33
CERULEAN – Very tall Cerulean blue.	3.00	2.00
SHORT SONG – Light lavender blue for front of border.	3.00	2.00
SLICK CHICK – Snow white, great pollen parent.	4.00	2.67

IRISARIAN'S JACKPOT—BARGAIN NO. 50

Select any 3 in each column; 6 for \$33.95

Select any 2 in each column; 4 for \$22.95

Select any 1 in each column; 2 for \$11.55

	Regular	Sale		Regular	Sale
GAY PAREE, TgB, page 7.	\$10.00	\$6.67	BRIGHT GEM, TB, page 12.	\$7.50	\$5.00
ROSE DELIGHT, TgB, p. 10.	10.00	6.67	PIANISSIMO, TgB, page 9.	7.50	5.00
SNOW GODDESS, TB, p. 17.	10.00	6.67	YACHT CLUB, TB, page 18.	7.50	5.00
LADY RUFFLES, TB, p. 15.	10.00	6.67	SOLAR MAID, TB, page 17.	7.50	5.00
OEDIPUS REX, TB, p. 16.	10.00	6.67	ETHEL SUMNER, TB, p. 13.	7.50	5.00
ONLY THIS, TB, page 16.	10.00	6.67	BOLD CONTRAST, TB, page 12.	7.50	5.00
PRIVATEER, TB, page 16.	10.00	6.67	MELLOW GOLD, TB, page 15.	7.50	5.00
BLUE INTENSITY, TB, p. 11.	10.00	10.00	BEISAN AGA, Ob, page 15.	7.50	5.00
HORNED RUBYFALLS, H, p. 6	10.00	10.00	EASTERMOHR, Ob, page 37.	7.50	5.00
CLEMENTINA, Ob, page 36.	10.00	9.50	PERSIAN TWOTONE, Og, p. 5.	7.50	5.00

Please – make your order a simple list of what you want, with only one item on each line. Use both order blanks if one is not enough. More on request – for yourself or your friends, and each with Sweepstakes Coupon. Also, more return envelopes on request.

My Most Bountiful Iris Crop Yet Makes Possible MY VERY FIRST CATALOG-WIDE IRIS SALE PRACTICALLY EVERY VARIETY DISCOUNTED

Well Over 400 Varieties Priced at 1/3 Off of My New Lower 1958 Prices

You May Use My LOW Discounted Prices On Any Order With Payment of \$10.00 or More

You ALSO Get Wonderful Free PREMIUMS for Early Ordering

The More You Order, The More You Get FREE

I offer entirely FREE the valuable PREMIUMS listed below for ordering just as early as you can. If you are short of cash during this period, you may send a \$10.00 deposit and the balance later (as explained under "You May Order Iris on Credit" on page 2), and still take full advantage of this great offer.

As you will see at a glance below, the larger your order, the finer the PREMIUMS, and the more PREMIUMS you get, but not more than 1 of a kind, please. You'll be amazed how fast the number of PREMIUMS goes up. For example, on a \$17.50 order you get twice as many Premiums as on a \$15.00 order. And on a \$25.00 order—Oh, my! Take a look.

CLASS A If your payment is \$15.00 or more, choose as your free Premium for early ordering any one of these CLASS A Premiums, which contain values up to \$3.00: **Laced:** Party Dress. **Tangerine Bearded:** Apricot Glory, Ballerina, Lottie Lembrich, Pink Sensation. **Other Tall Bearded:** Al Borak, Alline Rogers, Big Time, Black Diamond, Black Hills, Blue Parakeet, Char-Maize, Inca Chief, Pierre Menard, Placerita, Quechee, Royal Sovereign, Solid Gold, Thotmes III, White Cinderella. **Autumn:** Nappanee. **Dwarfs:** Abilaze, Buster Brown, Cretica, Little Mohee. **Lilliput:** Tinkerbelle. **Oncobreds:** Laban Effendi, Madam Mohr, Margaret Cruize, Valganza. **Regelia:** Blue Joy. **Regeliabreds:** Lemon Silk, Rainier Valley.

CLASS B If your payment is \$17.50 or more, you get my SUPPLEMENT (See page 3) free, AND also either 2 Premiums chosen from CLASS A list above; or 1 Premium from this CLASS B list, which contains values up to \$7.50: **Tangerine Bearded:** Marsala, Pink Cavalier, Temple Bells. **Other Tall Bearded:** Beacon Hill, Bermuda Blue, Blue Serene, Frontier Days, Gaylord, Late Snow, Majorette, Mission Glory, Soraya, Spring Melody, Spring Sonnet, Tensleep, White Peacock. **Oncobreds:** Frances Craig, Phosphorescent, Viveza. **Regelia:** Red, White & Blue.

CLASS C If your payment is \$20.00 or more, you get my MANUAL & SUPPLEMENT (See page 3) free AND also either 2 Premiums from CLASS A or B lists above; or 1 Premium from this CLASS C list, which contains values up to \$20.00: **Horned Iris:** Mulberry Snow, Plumed Delight, Wings of Flight. **Tangerine Bearded:** Bright Fuchsia, Pink Symphony, Rose Delight, Tangerine Carnival, Winged Fuchsia. **Other Tall Bearded:** Big Ute, Blue Intensity, Easter Greetings, Mystic Legend, Ruffled Taffeta, Snow Goddess. **Autumn:** Fall Frills. **Oncobred:** Magic Light.

Below here you get BOTH Rainbow Iris Manual and Supplement PLUS Premiums listed.

Payment of \$25.00 or more, you get free either my famous tangerine-bearded 1957 introduction **FLAMING GOLD** (\$20.00 value); or my superb new **HORNED SKYLARK** (Tallest of horned Iris and also a \$20.00 value); or any 2 Premiums from CLASSES B or C above; or any 3 Premiums from CLASS A above. (Never before was Iris ordering so rewarding!)

Payment of \$50.00 or more, you get free either my finest horned Iris **HORNED ROSYRED** (A 1958 introduction and \$25.00 value); or both **FLAMING GOLD** and **HORNED SKYLARK**; or any 4 Premiums from CLASSES B or C above; or any 6 Premiums from CLASS A above.

Payment of \$100.00 or more, either **HORNED ROSYRED** and both **FLAMING GOLD** and **HORNED SKYLARK**; or 8 Premiums from any of the CLASSES A, B or C.

Payment of \$150.00 or more, **HORNED ROSYRED**, **FLAMING GOLD**, **HORNED SKYLARK** and 8 Premiums in CLASSES A, B or C.

To help you get up to \$25.00 or more, you may even include a friend's separate order in the same envelope with yours. If the two total \$35.00 or more, you may have Premiums as shown for a \$25.00 order, and your friend may add to his order a choice, fertile **Horned Iris Seedling**, also free. Or, your own \$35.00 order alone will entitle you to BOTH the Premiums for a \$25.00 order and the choice **Horned Seedling**. DON'T PASS THIS UP!

PREMIUMS on Your LATER ORDERS

When you send a second 1958 order (any time before Oct. 10) you are then entitled altogether to a total of Premiums due on the SUM of your orders to date. Thus, if you take a Class A Premium on your first order of \$15.00 or more, and then later send in a second order of \$10.00 or more, you are entitled, altogether, to the Premiums offered for a \$25.00 order. A \$25.00 order allows you 3 Class A Premiums, and since you have had one, you get 2 more on just this \$10.00 order, which by itself would not be entitled to any. (Of course, if you did not ask for a Premium on your first order, you may ask for 3 on a second order that brings your total to \$25.00 or more).

So, if your current budget will not allow you to get up where the Premiums are plentiful, you can order more from time to time, as your pay checks come in, and in the end get the FULL Premiums and other important benefits shown for larger orders.

NOTE: Premiums are free only if written on your order. If you forget to do so on your first order, you may make up on any of your later orders, as explained above.

If I run out of certain items, I reserve the right to substitute as your Premium another variety in the same or higher Premium Class, or another variety of similar price.

You ALSO May Enter My Great Iris Lovers' SWEEPSTAKES

See page 2 and learn how easy it is to get in on this great drawing.

You ALSO Get 2 or 3 for the Discounted Price of 1 in My SECRET VARIETY GAME

Open To All Whose Order Payment is \$12.50 or more

My most popular offer, partly because everyone can win, and partly because the cash savings mount up so rapidly as to be unbelievable.

In this catalog, for you to find, are 32 hidden Secret Varieties and 12 ANNOUNCED SUPER SECRET VARIETIES, making a TOTAL OF 44. Each hidden Secret Variety is easily identified by fact that one word (of 3 letters or more) in variety description has only the last letter as a capital letter. For example, the word "glitterinG."

If you find some or all of these varieties and include any or all of them on your order, each followed by "Secret Variety" (or the word with the final capital), you may list each at two for the discounted price of one. You can either plant both for beauty and hybridizing, or go in with your neighbor and order two of each Secret Variety, so you will each have one at what amounts to half the discounted price.

I do not send the extra rhizome unless your order calls for 2. Also, note that this sensational offer of 2 for the price of 1 applies, obviously, only where you pay the discounted price for 1, and not to varieties secured in collections or free offers.

5 CLUES TO HELP YOU FIND THE HIDDEN SECRET VARIETIES

You'll have the time of your life finding all 32 of these hidden Secret Varieties. You'll hardly believe your eyes when you find the varieties you can get at these prices include many of most outstanding and popular Iris in this entire Guidebook, to-wit:

1. Two Runners-up for '57 Dykes, 1 Award of Merit Iris, 7 Honorable Mention Iris.
2. 7 illustrated in FULL COLOR. You can see just what you will get.
3. There are 4 exciting Tangerine-Bearded, 5 other Tall Bearded, 5 Autumns, 5 Oncobreds, 7 Arils, 2 Beardless and 4 others.
4. Sale Prices to fit every pocketbook: 95c to \$7.12.
5. At least 20 kinds eagerly sought by hybridizers.

12 ANNOUNCED SUPER SECRET VARIETIES

AVAILABLE AT 3 FOR THE DISCOUNTED PRICE OF 1

Paradoxical? Yes, but a real money-saver if there ever was one. Below are 12 much-sought Iris heralded and made known, yet it is a secret as to how they can be secured at 3 for the DISCOUNTED price of 1. Just to make sure that YOU read all of my special offers and other helpful material in this Catalog-Guidebook, I have placed final capitals in sentences of the text that are NOT variety descriptions. In each of 12 such sentences there are two secret words, each with a final capital.

You will probably want the fun of finding them all, but so that you can get that order off to me pronto, before I run out of just the ones you want, I'm making it real easy for you this year. As soon as you have found any two of these 12 sentences, each with two secret words, you may order ANY or ALL of the following 12 varieties at 3 for the reduced price of 1, as long as your order payment is \$12.50 or more. Varieties are arranged below in order of the low Sale Prices so you can quickly see that you can get quite a few kinds on this game of profit with a very low expenditure. Also note the tremendous savings you will make when you order 3 rhizomes of any of the expensive varieties, and pay for only 1 of each at the Sale price. Catalog color plates indicated by names in FULL CAPS.

Sari, \$1.42, greenish true Onco, page 27; **KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN**, \$1.42, mysterious Regelia, p. 29; **Lucia**, \$1.66, blue-bearded Regelia, p. 29; **CHARON**, \$2.37, Oncogelia, p. 31; **REAL GOLD**, \$3.32, world-famous Oncobred, p. 36; **STRATHMORE**, \$3.80, Tangerine-Bearded, p. 10; **Winter Flame**, \$3.80, p. 35; **BENTON OBERON**, \$7.12, Tangerine-Bearded, p. 8; **CLEM-ENTINA**, \$9.50, flat Oncobred, p. 36; **UNICORN**, \$9.50, Horned, p. 6; **Blue Surprise**, \$10.00, a super, very fragrant Autumn Bloomer, p. 32; **Joan Crawford**, \$14.25, Tall Bearded, p. 15.

ORDER SECRET VARIETIES PROMPTLY as the demand for these will be terrific. I must reserve right, if sold out, to send other Iris of equal value. **AIR MAIL** will help greatly in getting everything you want.

Checklist of What YOU Get With Orders of Different Sizes

Amounts shown in red below apply to the total of your 1958 orders to date. For example, if your first order is \$15.00, and your second one \$10.00, your second order is entitled to all 8 benefits shown for a \$25.00 order, minus whatever Premium you received on your first order. Now you see what I mean when I say that I want to make you HAPPY every time you order. Simplest, if you can, to make your initial order large enough to get up in the higher brackets where the rate of benefits is so very much higher.

You Get ALL 8 of These Substantial Benefits With An Order of \$25.00 or More	Send Payment of This Amount or More							
	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$17.50	\$15.00	\$12.50	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00
Postage Paid in United States. (See next page)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Eligible to enter Sweepstakes (Pages 2, 21, 22)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Eligible to buy at heavily discounted SALE Prices, all through catalog (See above)	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Eligible to play Secret Variety Game and to get 2 or 3 each of up to 44 kinds for Sale Price of 1 (See above)	x	x	x	x	x			
Valuable Premiums for early ordering (Left above)	x	x	x	x				
Supplement to Manual entirely free (See page 3)	x	x	x					
Rainbow Iris Manual entirely free (See page 3)	x	x						
Premium Choices include free \$20.00 Iris (Left Above)	x							

For the additional benefits with larger orders see Premium Table on this page. Use this Checklist to make sure you are getting everything to which you are entitled.

AMATEUR HYBRIDIZER'S PAGE To Help You Create Superior New Iris

HYBRIDIZING Is Easy, Profitable, and Lots of Fun

You'll live longer — and better — if you have an absorbing and profitable hobby that repeatedly, year after year, gives you something interesting and exciting to look forward to. I challenge anyone to suggest a hobby that will accomplish this as surely and effectively as does **Iris hybridizing**. Already thousands of my customers have tried it, and nearly all of them are rapidly becoming enthusiastic amateur hybridizers, almost over night.

Get in now on this new hobby that can become really profitable. Amateurs often produce world beaters. New Iris may sell for up to \$100 per rhizome; introductory prices of \$20 to \$25 are common. Put your spare time in on this absorbing hobby and watch results. My yearly GUIDEBOOKS keep you right up to date.

For the most part, the same varieties are available to all of us to use as parents, and oftentimes amateurs get results never achieved by the experts. To get YOU started at once, I am giving in this catalog a great many parentages and descendants, together with many hints for hybridizers. At the right is a condensed guide to the varieties I suggest you use as PARENTS. Thus this catalog contains the most extensive data ever printed on which kinds of Iris to use in your own breeding.

Since many varieties never set seed, or have no pollen, the surest way for beginners is to buy for hybridizing varieties that are known to set seed or to have pollen, and where practicable, varieties that have already proven their ability to yield good seedlings worthy of being named and introduced.

Many of my customers are now taking up this most fascinating and rewarding of all hobbies. To learn the vital flower parts see Ektachrome of Melody Lane, page 9. The 3 reddish beards have nothing to do with pollination. Above the center beard is the cream-colored anther, containing the pollen. Remove an anther from a flower of one variety, and rub the pollen grains onto the top of the stigma of the variety to be pollinated. Stigma is the curved lip just above the anther. Many helpful details in my MANUAL.

My Exclusive HYBRIDIZER'S KIT

Anyone can start the fascinating hobby of Iris Hybridizing with ease with my Exclusive RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING KIT. The most vital items are 2 special tweezers I had made to order for this purpose. The Anther-collecting Tweezers have special flat rounded points that permit collecting the anthers without injuring the delicate and vital style arms. The Clamp-style Pollinating Tweezers are designed to hold the anthers firmly and thus eliminate the strain of pollinating. The Kit also includes the following additional items: 5 Camel Hair Brushes; 36 Special Sliding Pollen Boxes; 100 Pollination Tags in four colors; 2 Weatherproof Pencils; 50 seed bags; 15 printed record cards; 12 Permanent Engraving-labels; 1 Stylus for lettering labels; 1 copy of the leaflet "Technique for Iris Hybridization." Price postpaid.....\$6.25; 2 for \$12.25

At Last! A Chemical Way to Speed Germination

My GERMINATION STIMULANT

I have tried many ways of hastening the naturally slow germination of Iris seed, but none is as simple and effective as my Rainbow Germination Stimulant. My extensive, carefully-controlled tests have shown it will often double or quadruple the germination of seed of Bearded Iris in a short time — and the quicker you get your precious hybrid seeds to germinate, the sooner you will have bloom. See my SUPPLEMENT for detailed results with seed of different types of Iris. My most recent tests indicate that for use with ARIL seeds my Stimulant should be made up about 4 times as strong as recommended on the package for Bearded Iris seeds. This is likely to double or triple the usual slow rate of germination of Aril seeds. Exact quantity to make 1 quart of solution, with full directions for use. Orders for Stimulant unacceptable from California due to high license fee.....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75; 10 for \$7.95

"I've found your Rainbow Germination Stimulant to be definitely helpful. I'm certain it's increased germination by at least 40 to 50 per cent." Richard E. Tucker, Rt. 4, Box 556, Port Orchard, Washington.

NATURALLY-POLLINATED IRIS SEEDS

All priced at \$1.00 per packet; any 15 for \$10.00; any 25 for \$15.00

For those interested either in creating new Iris with the least possible trouble and expense, or in simply producing a quantity of Iris plants at the lowest possible cost, these naturally pollinated Iris seeds offer inviting possibilities. For a mere dollar you can buy enough seeds of any one of many kinds of Iris to grow long-lived plants that would cost you \$15.00 or \$20.00. However, there is a great difference in the rarity of the seeds of the different types of Iris listed below; so you will find noted in each case about how many seeds you will get per packet. Colors of seedling flowers will tend to follow parents but often there will be much variation and opportunity for selection. Directions for sowing sent with all seed orders.

BEARDED IRIS SEEDS

AUTUMN BLOOMERS, Mixed, 50 seeds per packet.

LOW GROWING, 100 seeds per packet; Dwarfs or Mixed Low Growing.

BEARDLESS IRIS SEEDS

Seeds per packet: SIBERIANS, 200; SPURIAS, 26; WESTERN NATIVES, 50; Bulbous BUCHARICA, 100.

ARIL IRIS SEEDS

(Naturally slow germinating; helped somewhat by my Stimulant as outlined above. Surest way for almost immediate germination is the use of embryo culture, described in typewritten directions sent for \$1.00, or free with every order of \$20.00 worth of Aril seeds.)

TRUE ONCOS, number of seeds per pkt. given after each: Acutiloba, 10; Gatesii, 10; Sari, 30; Mixed Onco Species, 10; Mixed True Onco Hybrids, 7.

ONCOGELIAS, Mixed, 100 seeds per pkt.; these seeds of F₁ hybrids should give you the highly variable and interesting F₂ generation.

REGELIAS, Mixed species and F₁ hybrid varieties, 200 seeds per pkt.

HAND-POLLINATED HYBRID ONCO SEEDS — Pure Onco crosses resulting from hybridizing done for me last spring in the native habitats in the Holy Land, near Tel-Aviv. Either Mariae X Nazarena or Atofusca X Nazarena, 5 seeds per packet. Per packet \$1.25

My Recommendations of PARENTS for Your Hybridizing

A Real Treasury of Genes Sought by Breeders

Below are my suggestions for parents, together with my new low collection prices on these, so you can quickly see that you can now afford many badly needed parents that, heretofore, have been beyond your reach. Hybridizing with poor parents represents so much wasted effort that I have, this year, purposely brought these collection prices down so amateurs everywhere can make rapid progress. You may order these designated collections, or if you prefer, you may make up your own money-saving collection of any desired combination, by simply using my low Sale prices (shown on pages referred to) as long as your order is \$10.00 or more.

TESTED ONCOBRED SEED PARENTS — The fertility and potency of the Oncobreds in this choice group, and in the next, have been well tested, as you will find noted in the descriptions, pages 36 to 39. Other people have done the pioneering work for you; now you go on from here. You may have the first 5 for only \$5.50; first 4, \$3.50; first 3, \$2.50: Butterfly Wings, Deep Buttercup, Mohrlöff, Valganza, Viveza, Purissamohr, Kalifa Gulnare.

TESTED ONCOBRED POLLEN PARENTS — You may have the first 5 for only \$8.95; first 4, \$6.25; first 3, \$3.95: Capitola, lbMac True, Mohr Velvet, Kalifa Fatima, Slick Chick, Beisan Aga, Phoebus Apollo, Chenik Aga.

PROVEN AUTUMN SEED PARENTS — Each of these, and each in the next group has proven its value as a parent as each has already yielded one or more fine named twice-blooming Autumn Bloomers. Now YOU try them (See pages 32-34). You may have all 6 for \$9.95; first 5, \$7.90; first 4, \$5.50; first 3, \$3.60: Western Hills, Joseph's Mantle, Molten, September Sparkler, Autumn Twilight, Sally Ann.

PROVEN AUTUMN POLLEN PARENTS — You may have all 5 for \$8.95; first 4, \$5.95; first 3, \$3.60: Autumn Sunset, Halloween Night, Autumn Twilight, Cupid's Dart, Heatherlands.

Try FRAGRANCE for an Original Hybridizing Goal — This important and intriguing field is badly neglected. Instead of following in everybody else's footsteps, try breeding a race of perfumed beauties. Start with these fragrant kinds. The 3 most fragrant ones are The Mad Hatter, So Sweet and Blue Surprise. You may have all 3 for only \$12.95. Or, you may have the first 6 below for only \$4.95; first 5, \$3.95: Blue River-W, page 35, Oklahoma-TB, p. 16, Pigmy Gold-Li, p. 41; Deep Buttercup-Ob, p. 37, Tournament Queen-W, p. 35, Western Hills-A, p. 34, Spring Romance-TB, p. 17, Spellbound-TB, p. 17, THE MAD HATTER-TB, p. 18, Pinafore Lass-TB, p. 42, SO SWEET-TB, p. 17, Damascus Blade-Ob, p. 37, BLUE SURPRISE-A, p. 32, Blue Intensity-TB, p. 11.

HYBRIDIZER'S LATE-BLOOMING ARILS — Most Arils bloom too early for ready crossing with the Bearded Iris, but the following usually overlap the Bearded Season in varying degrees. See descriptions, pages 26-31. These are also widely sought for exhibiting, since they are the most likely of all Arils to bloom at Iris Show time. You may have the first 2 Oncos for only \$4.95; all 3 Oncogelias for \$2.95; all 3 Regelias for \$2.85: ONCOS, Sari, Gatesii, Lortetii, Nigricans, Aurantica; ONCOGELIAS, Isis, Teucros, Theseus; REGELIAS, Late Amethyst, Hoogiana Purpurea, Decorated Blue Beard.

Exciting WIDE Crosses

In your crossing you do NOT have to stay within varieties of one type of Iris, as many beginners think. In fact, it is much more exciting to try crosses between types. For most of your crosses (but not all) it is wise to stay within broad color classes. My new 1958 COLOR GUIDE (page 4) is just what you need. It shows Iris of ALL types carefully arranged in color classes, with newest and finest (usually the best parents) first in each group.

However, don't carry this too far and try to cross the Bearded Iris or Arils with the Beardless, such as the Stylosas. While such crosses cannot be considered impossible, they are so very unlikely to set seed that you will probably only waste your time in trying. But if you cross different kinds of Bearded Iris (see relationship grouping on page 3) with each other, your chances are good of getting viable seeds. Crosses either way of Arils and Bearded are more difficult, but not impossible, and highly rewarding when you succeed.

Wonder - Working GIBBERELLIN Growth Stimulant

Century's Greatest Plant Growth Find — MIRA-CEL Powder or Aerosol Can

No chemical product of the 20th century has received higher praise, or offers greater possibilities for worth-while results on garden plants of many kinds. Often doubles and sometimes triples plant growth. I'm just starting to experiment with this on Iris, and you will want to try it now, too. Has been found to make Iris bloom earlier, and you may gain 1 to 6 weeks this way. May prove a boon to hybridizers in synchronizing blooming periods. Also has been found to aid Iris seed germination and embryo culture, especially in Arils. Better not use it on vegetables until more is known. Postpaid prices shown below are for shipping with your Iris order at planting time. If you want it sent sooner, please add 10c to help pay extra shipping costs. Don't let your neighbor outsmart you! Get ahead of him. Order Gibberellin TODAY.

AEROSOL PRESSURE CAN sprays scores of plants with wonder-working Gibberellin in just the right potency. Easy to operate.....\$2.25; 3 for \$6.65

POWDERS — 12 separate packets in plastic box. More economical than can, but not as quick or convenient. Try both. With the powders you can make up various strengths of solutions for your experiments.....Box of 12 pkts. \$2.00; 3 boxes \$5.85

Rice Polish for Mosaic Spray

While still in experimental stage, by far most promising inhibitor for use in spraying Iris (particularly Arils & Arilbreds) to prevent mosaic virus infection, is rice polish. It is recommended by pathologists for trial and I am using it extensively in my own plantings. Many have inquired as to where it can be obtained. As far as I am aware, it is not yet anywhere on the market in small quantities for the home gardener. So here is still another FIRST for Rainbow Gardens. . . 10 oz. Rice Polish, with directions for combining with your aphid spray, postpaid anywhere in U.S., for only \$1.00; 5 lb. for \$5.00

TWEezer FEVER: "You got me into this! You and your fascinating catalog, your clever hybridizer's kit. When the blooms started last spring I came down with a bad case of tweezers fever, only to have it develop into a serious case of Pollenitis. I purchased all the Regelias and Oncos I could(n't) afford and have studied your Rainbow Iris Manual diligently." Edith M. Conway, Dallas, Texas.



JUDEAN CHARMER — My 1957 Onco Introduction

AURANITICA (Lava Iris) EM-11" Most useful Onco pollen parent I have found. When crossed with Iris having purple coloring gives gorgeous bronze offspring, as my Judean Bronze. Most unusual—a glistening, waxy buff-gold, more like real gold than any other, even surpassing my Real Gold. Blooms late, with Bearded Iris, so you can try lots of crosses. A letter from Israel indicates it is practically extinct in the wilds; our few rhizomes may be almost only ones in existence...Reg. \$10.00; on \$10 order \$7.50

GATESII (Onco) — Coveted by every hybridizer



Plant Arils For Least Work

Exotic ARIL IRIS for

World's Most Comprehensive Offerings in ARIL IRIS

MEET THE ARILS (Oncos, Regelias & Oncogelias, pages 26 to 31)

THE ARILS: These alone, of all Iris, have seeds with prominent white arils or collars. No matter where you live, you can grow exotic Aril Iris, for they are being successfully grown by my customers in every state but Florida.

USES: Aril Iris are so exciting and different from any Iris you have ever seen that they can be used advantageously to focus the spotlight of attention on YOUR garden, YOUR indoor arrangements, or YOUR exhibit at your local flower show. Also, they are simply superb for hybridizing, whether you are an amateur making your first crosses, or an experienced breeder eager to bring in exotic new blood lines.

CULTURE and HARDINESS: (Only very brief, as full directions accompany all shipments). Arils need sun, basic soil, good drainage & dry summers. If you have summer rain, dig in June & store in dry sand till about Oct. 1.

SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES: Aril rhizomes are shipped in late summer or fall, in a dry bulblike condition. But order what you want NOW, by Air Mail, before supplies are exhausted. When you receive your precious ARILS store them in a dry place until planting time. The rhizomes of most Arils are not large—neither are diamonds. Aril flowers vary greatly in size from some of the small dainty Regelias to certain of the Oncos, which are immense.

Famed ONCOCYCLUS Orchid-Iris of Palestine

For MARCH-APRIL-MAY Bloom

AUTHENTICITY: In view of recent incorrect use of the term "Onco," I must emphasize that these are the GENUINE PURE ONCO SPECIES and PURE ONCO HYBRIDS—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood such as are sometimes falsely offered as "Oncos" to the unsuspecting. So if you want real Oncos, make SURE that is what you get. Most are EXCLUSIVE OFFERINGS not elsewhere available on this continent.

USES: Since a number of the Oncos have gigantic globular flowers of striking form and coloring, they are the most sensational of all ARILS, and all Iris, for garden features, indoor decoration, flower shows and hybridizing.

NATIVE HABITAT, IMPORTATION and HYBRIDIZING: In the three centuries since the landing of the Pilgrims, the Western World has never, until now, had an opportunity to become acquainted with the wealth of diverse and fascinating species of Oncocyclus. Now come the real thrills of making various FRESH starts by crossing many different Onco species DIRECTLY with the finest of today's Tall Bearded Iris—varieties so superb that they were hardly even dreamed of way back in 1925 when William Mohr was created. Consequently I have devoted much time and effort, and no little expense, to DIRECT AIR IMPORTATION of all possible true Onco species.

CULTURE: Oncos are the most exacting of Arils in requiring the treatment outlined above, but are most rewarding of all when properly grown. No other Iris have the appeal of true Oncos.

World's First Series of Named TRUE ONCO Hybrids

As the culmination of 12 years of intensive work in the hybridization and selection of true Oncos, I present below and on page 5 the first seven members of a new race of named pure Onco hybrids, unadulterated by the mixture of blood of any other type of Iris. In any garden where these enter, there will at once be a new concept in standards for Iris beauty, in both color and form.

JUDEAN CHARMER (Austin '57) VE-10" A captivating and alluring bright new bicolor in a combination of rosy-orchid and pinkish buff tints not approached by any of the original Oncocyclus species from the wilds. A flower with such instantaneous appeal that no visitor can pass it by without pausing in admiration. No description can adequately convey the truly exotic beauty of this new true Onco hybrid. I present it in full color for you. Pollen plentiful. \$10; on \$10 order \$6.67

JUDEAN SILVER (Austin '57) VE-15" "A globular flower of perfect rounded form, with falls very wide at the haft." You've probably seen just such a description applied to a new Tall Bearded Iris. Suppose you stop, compare that Iris (whatever it may be) with my true-life photograph of Judean Silver. See which best lives up to such a characterization. A more beautiful, silvery version of Susiana, with a more prominent black signal spot. Has fertile pollen; is a heavy seed setter. Sale price cheaper than Susiana and easier to grow..... Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

REAL EBONY (Austin '57) VE-8" The blackest Iris in existence today. Much blacker than any Tall Bearded Iris; greatly surpasses usual forms of Nigricans, the species from which this superior clone was selected from variable imports over a period of many years. Will create a sensation wherever it is shown. Sought by every Iris breeder and fancier in the country. Pollen plentiful. Rhizomes small..... Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$13.33

See page 5 for FOUR 1958 ONCO INTRODUCTIONS

ACUTILOBA E-8" My recent importation of a hardy Onco that may never have been in this country before. Native to cold mountains south of Caspian Sea, in Iran, and near Ankara in Turkey. Unorthodox for an Onco. Falls narrow, reflexed, cream washed brown, deep chocolate signal. Beard often nearer green than any other Iris beard. Standards chocolate, pyramidal. Dykes reports crossing with Korolkowi. Rhizomes small..... Regularly \$4.50; on \$10 order \$3.00

ATROFUSCA (Dark Brown Iris) VE-12" A nearly black self, blended mulberry and brown. Signal very black; broad bronze-yellow beard. Pollen abundant..... Regularly \$4.50; on \$10 order \$3.00

ATROPURPUREA (Crimson-Black Iris) EE-12" Standards blackish crimson, falls crimson black, velvety jet-black signal. Beard yellow. One of parents of Isolda. Try crossing with Regelias or Bearded Iris. Not large, but bold, distinctive. Blooms in March in wilds near Gaza, where Samson destroyed the temple and buried the multitude..... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

ATROPURPUREA EGGERI VE-12" Similar to Atropurpurea, but more of a bronzy coloring. Extremely vigorous. Likely to prove easier to grow than Atropurpurea..... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

BARNUMAE E-12" From that much disputed area between Israel and Egypt, I present this smooth vinaceous-crimson Onco; pure black signal and black beard..... Regularly \$4.50; on \$10 order \$3.00

BASALTICA Like a bitone Susiana, with darker falls..... Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$15.00

CALCARIA Standards white flushed lilac, falls cream. Signal pure black, beard broad, brown. Heavy seeder..... Regularly \$12.00; on \$10 order \$8.00

IBERICA (Iberian Iris) E-6" This is probably the first American offering of this renowned Onco from the Caucasus Mts. and Northern Iran. In offering Iberica this year I am renewing for hybridizers all over the world the inviting opportunity for new creations that has laid dormant for well over half a century—since Sir Michael Foster demonstrated its great possibilities in England in the 1890's. He found then that Iberica will cross with other Oncos, with Tall Bearded Iris and with Chamaeiris. A stunning bicolor. Standards silvery-white, faintly dotted; falls very heavily dotted bronzy-violet on a cream ground. Most striking and distinctive features of all are the long-exserted brown style arms lying close down on the strange concave falls. No other Onco, no other Iris, is like this! Rhizomes naturally small..... Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

No Need for Summer Watering

Your IRIS FAIRYLAND

The Iris That Seem To Have Come From a Fairytale

GATESII (Monarch Iris) EM to LM-24" See **Hybridizer's Opportunity . . . \$4.50**

2 for \$7.95, with 1 Parisiana FREE

3 for \$10.75, with 4 Parisiana FREE

4 for \$13.50, with 8 Parisiana FREE

(This last is the one you really need for breeding)

Note large savings
and extra value
by ordering
2, 3 or 4

I am glad to be able to continue to offer this renowned rarity that is today the most sought of all **Oncos**. Was wholly unavailable in this country for 25 years, from time **William Mohr** was produced until my first importation in 1953. I have been fortunate in being able to secure additional imports each year, so am able to keep my price way below original introductory price.

Considerably larger than the giant **Susiana**. A symphony of color, with silvery standards lined and dotted soft violet; falls olive cream finely netted and dotted in violet. Beard purplish bronze, very broad and diffuse, the largest found in any Iris, sometimes 1½" wide and 3" long. Native in mountains of Turkey, farther north than most **Oncos**, so is hardier, easier to grow. While the usual height is somewhat less, some of the plants of my strain of **Gatesii** have grown to a height of 40". This special strain that is being offered you produced huge 2-year clumps from a single rhizome, with up to 26 immense flowers per clump. Latest bloomer of **Oncos**, coinciding with early and midseason Tall Bearded, thus ideal for ambitious hybridizers and exhibitors. At any show it will be the center of attraction; not one flower lover in a million has ever seen **Gatesii**.

From hybridizer's viewpoint **Gatesii** is unsurpassed. My natural-color Ektachrome shows the extremely broad standards and falls, often over 4" wide. Hafts in front of style crests are usually a full 3" wide. There has never been a Tall Bearded Iris that can approach this. Most of latest introductions do well to reach 2". It is the dream of every hybridist to transfer this superb form to a tall vigorous new **Oncobred** with beautiful **Oncobred** veinings and large bold signal patch. Why not be the first to accomplish this? A great seed-setter; produces quantities of pollen. I suggest Air Mail for all orders. You would not want your order to reach me after my stock is all sold.

HYBRIDIZER'S OPPORTUNITY: As every hybridizer knows, the whole far-flung Mohr family of fascinating hybrids springs from world-famous William Mohr. This came from diploid Tall Bearded variety **Parisiana** x the **Oncobred** **Gatesii**. Quickest approach is to start with the cross that has been found to succeed, and that resulted in William Mohr. This one hybrid does not begin to tap untold possibilities from this most promising of all crosses of Bearded Iris and **Oncos**. William Mohr is nearly sterile, and if some enterprising hybridizer succeeds in creating an **Oncobred** like William Mohr but highly fertile, it will expedite future **Oncobred** breeding tremendously. Already I have one young seedling of this same cross and several of the reciprocal cross. I want hybridizers everywhere to have **Parisiana** to use with **Gatesii**, so I make the offers above. Now hybridizers throughout the world who have been wishing for years for the opportunity to repeat this most famous of all Iris crosses, can at last realize this great ambition. Obviously, the time to order is NOW.

MARIAE My favorite of small-flowered **Oncos**. Brilliant as they come. A bright, glistening satiny deep orchid, with large black signal. . . . Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

NAZARENA (Nazareth Iris) VE-12" The one supreme **Oncobred**, my favorite of them all. As recently as 1954 I catalogued **NAZARENA** at \$35.00. I have been exceedingly fortunate in getting in a good stock of this species that is nearly extinct in the wilds. For this year, at least, I can drop the price to only a small fraction of what it was, and thus bring it easily within the reach of all **Oncobred** enthusiasts. It is worth several times this new low price to any hybridizer, or to anyone seeking the ultimate in UNUSUAL beauty. Sends out long runners; is the most stoloniferous **Oncobred**.

An absolutely stunning bicolor. Standards nicely cupped, glorious silvery lilac-white, with a network of fine violet veins and dots. Falls exceedingly broad, up to 3" wide at the haft, colored silvery buff-yellow, heavily covered with embossed chocolate dots, well raised above the surface. No Tall Bearded Iris has a petal texture that even faintly resembles this remarkably decorative effect. Thus **Nazarena** presents an intriguing challenge to all breeders to transfer this stunning feature to tall well-branched **Oncobreds**. I expect to catalog these in due time—and I wonder whose name will follow that of the new hybrids. Will it be yours? Also, since the falls have such a distinct yellow cast, I foresee that this may prove more effective than **Susiana** in producing that clear yellow with "Lady Mohr" form, of which so many have dreamed. Pollen plentiful. This year's Sale Price makes **Nazarena** unquestionably the Nation's greatest **Oncobred** species bargain for 1958. . . . Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

NIGRICANS (Black Iris) E-10" Of all **Oncos**, this has attracted the most attention. Everyone tells his neighbor; it is not long before they appear, saying: "We heard you have a black Iris; may we see it?" As yet no Tall Bearded Iris can compete with the Black Iris for sheer blackness; but one can visualize a tall, graceful "Lady Mohr" in stunning ebony-black. Will you be the one to produce it? Pollen plentiful. As many as 46 seeds to a pod. Standards violet-black, brightening to a glossy red-purple at center; falls dark violet-black, with a conspicuous large black signal patch, the blackest I have ever seen in any flower. Beard bronzy-black. Blooms in April in its native home in Moab district of Trans-Jordan, east of Dead Sea. The only blacker Iris is my new Real Ebony. \$12; on \$10 order \$8.00

SARI (Lupina) Wolf's Ear Iris VE to L-12" This, **Acutiloba** and **Gatesii** are the only **Oncos** with a strong greenish tinge. Falls silvery cream, heavily washed with light yellowish green. Broad beard is light yellowish green, and there is a very prominent maroon signal spot in the very center of each fall. Style arms, distinctly greenish add to highly unique effect. Standards silvery cream, heavily flushed soft maroon. Variable in coloring, like other wild species. Leaves sharply curved, in ram's-horn fashion. Offers exciting possibilities for hybridizers, particularly as it possesses the extreme cold hardiness of true Alpines. Longest blooming season of any **Oncobred**. Rhizomes naturally small. You get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. See page 20. . . . Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

More **Oncobred** color plates and money-saving Collections on next page.

GATESII IN NEW YORK: "Last year I purchased **Gatesii** from you. It sent up two stems and bloomed very late—June 15. I entered it in the show at Roosevelt, Long Island, and won both a blue ribbon (1st award) and a 'Special Award.' Nobody had ever seen 'Gatesii' before." Jos. G. Cermak, Freeport, N. Y.



JUDEAN SILVER — My 1957 **Oncobred** Introduction

PARADOXA (Velvet Iris) E-5" My 1956 listing was probably the first American offering of this strangest of **Oncocyclis** species. The very name "Paradoxa" means "The Unexpected." When you see it you'll have to revise all of your previous conceptions of what **Oncos** look like. This one is utterly different! Imagine comparatively large, round erect white standards, sharply veined, and strap-shaped falls extended horizontally, having a light crimson or purple ground almost completely covered with a violet-black beard. The falls have an appearance closely resembling black velvet. Used years ago in England and Holland in producing **Oncobreds** and **Oncogelias**, which carry this very unique, heavy velvety beard. It's time we began using it in this country. Untold possibilities lie directly ahead!

My stock was collected for me in the extreme eastern Turkish territory, close to Persian border, at an elevation of over 6,500 feet. Thus there can be no question about the hardness of these rhizomes. A 2nd fortunate Air importation from Istanbul has replenished my depleted stock and makes possible a very low price this year. . . . Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order \$4.00

NAZARENA — The **Oncobred** Supreme





◀ **HAYNEI E-15"**
(Hayne's Iris) An enormous, richly colored beauty from Mt. Gilboa, north of Jerusalem. Pollen exceptionally abundant. Sets readily when crossed with various Oncos; occasionally when crossed with Regelias or Bearded Iris. Now's your chance!.....Regularly \$6.00;on \$10 order \$4.00

LORTETII E-12" ▶▶
(Lebanon Iris) Loveliest Onco. Magnificent orchid-pink globe, sometimes 7 or 8 inches in diameter. Emphatically, an Iris for the connoisseur and hybridizer. I have found it to have abundant pollen and to be a wonderful seed-setter. With this now available, many long-dreamed-of crosses become possible. Native to Mt. Lebanon. Blooms late for an Onco, thus coinciding with bloom of Early Tall Bearded, facilitating crosses with them. A mountain species from a colder climate than any other Palestinian Onco..... Regularly \$7.50;on \$10 order \$5.00



SUSIANA ▶ (Mourning Bride) This amazing Iris from the Holy Land has been a sensation wherever seen. It is enchanting, wondrous, may always be counted on to bring forth exclamations of amazement and delight. Flower is simply enormous. Startling effect is of a marvelous color symphony in silvery white and black. An abundant producer of pollen. One of the parents of Luna and Fair Enough. Quite hardy, but may need some protection in coldest areas. If you can't make your neighbors OH! and Ah! with this, they're hopeless. The enormous demand I've had for Susiana has almost exhausted all available stocks both in this country and abroad. I have a few hundred available for early orders but cannot tell at this early date if I will be able to import enough to last all through the season. Many hundreds of my customers ordered Susiana too late last year after my supply was exhausted. For exhibition purposes Susiana is superb. I sent it to my friend Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City, in the region where cattle died of snow and cold. Susiana was grown out of doors. In spite of very severe winter, it bloomed finely. See Ekta-chrome below.....Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$3.50

"Your rhizomes have increased wonderfully & just thrive with us. Susiana had an indescribably lovely flower which lasted four full days & garden visitors were delighted. I showed it to the members of our newly formed Iris Society of which I am a member - none of them had ever seen one before." E. Beyers, Stellenbosch, C. P., Union of South Africa.

SUSIANA — Famous Onco



TRUE ONCO COLLECTIONS

My policy of "MORE FOR YOUR MONEY" gives YOU the opportunity of a lifetime to acquire a whole COLLECTION of genuine ONCOCYCLUS Iris at a mere fraction of what they have recently cost. I advise Air Mail for all orders for these collections, to get your order in before my supply is exhausted. All sold out last summer.

MY FAVORITE ONCOS — BARGAIN NO. 37 — See page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my Onco favorites for \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00, as you prefer.

EVERYBODY'S ONCOS — BARGAIN NO. 38 — Mariae, Sari, Onco Hybrid. All 3 for \$3.95

EARLY BLOOMERS — BARGAIN NO. 39 — Atropurpurea, Nazarena, Extra Choice Onco Hybrid 3 for \$4.95

STRANGEST ONCOS — BARGAIN NO. 40 — The amazing Iberica and Paradoxa for only \$7.95

BREEDER'S CHOICE — BARGAIN NO. 41 — Gatesii, Nazarena, Finest Onco Hybrid, for \$8.95

WIDE ONCO ASSORTMENT — BARGAIN NO. 42 — Atropurpurea, Atropurpurea Eggeri, Gatesii, Judean Silver, Mariae, Nazarena, Sari and Susiana. All 8 wondrous kinds for only.....\$16.95

*****TRUE ONCO HYBRIDS*****

Unlike some "Onco Hybrids" offered, these are true crosses of different Onco species with each other—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood. I share with you my choice Onco breeding material, on which I am still working. These hybrids offered at very moderate prices. Colors and patterns widely variable, from silver, gray, through maroon, buff, white, purple, wine-red, cream, lilac and mahogany. Most strongly veined or dotted, have prominent signal patches in true Onco fashion. Not yet available by specific colors, but if 3 or 5 are ordered I will have them as different as possible.

Order 10 and all will be different. Note low SALE PRICES on all groups of 3 or more.

FINEST OF ALL\$5.00; 3 for \$10.95; 5 for \$17.50

EXTRA CHOICE HYBRIDS \$3.50; 3 for \$6.95; 5 for \$10.00

"BEGINNER'S BEST"—TRUE ONCOS

With my garden literally teeming with genuine Oncos (the elite of all Iris), I deplore a situation in which most of my customers, scattered over the world, have never even seen one. The remedy? I think it is price. Most real Oncos are so scarce that many of the so-called "backyard gardeners" are unable to afford them. For 1958 I want EVERYONE who sends me an order to include at least one ONCO.

BEGINNER'S BEST ONCO HYBRIDS.....Only \$1.75 each

Group SALE PRICES on Beginner's Best Onco Hybrids, on Order of \$10 or more

3 for \$3.75; or 5 for \$5.00; or 10 for \$9.90

Yes, TRUE ONCOS available (while they last) for only a dollar each when you order 5 or more!

These unbelievably low prices are possible because these hybrids are byproducts of the most extensive Onco hybridization experiments ever undertaken. These hybrids will be in assorted attractive colors, not as fine as the 2 groups above, but well worth while for anyone who has not grown Oncos before. All will be different and worth several times the prices indicated when compared with the cost of named Onco species and varieties. There are no other plants that you can buy for these prices that will give you half the excitement that these will.

ALL-INCLUSIVE ARIL COLLECTIONS

Now my stocks are large enough so I can offer comprehensive money-saving Aril Collections that even include true Oncos. This, then, is the opportunity of the decade! Don't pass it up. I have arranged enticing Aril collections for beginners as well as the most advanced experts in hybridizing.

BEGINNER'S ARILS — BARGAIN NO. 43 — ONCOS: Sari and Onco Hybrid; ONCOGELIAS: Psyche and Teucros; REGELIAS: Stolonifera Conical and Hoogiana Purpurea. Least expensive.....6 for \$4.90

HYBRIDIZER'S ARILS — BARGAIN NO. 44 — ONCOS: Susiana and Extra Choice Onco Hybrid; ONCOGELIAS: Hermione and Eunice; REGELIAS: Blue Joy and Korolkowi Violaceae.... All 6 for only \$7.55

IRISARIAN'S ARILS — BARGAIN NO. 45 — ONCOS: Gatesii and Finest Onco Hybrid; ONCOGELIAS: Luna and Parthenope; REGELIAS: Decorated Giant and Decorated Bluebeard. A real Super. 6 for only \$12.95

"I am pleased to say that all of your shipments arrived in excellent condition, and your packing is tops!" Roy V. Ashley, Battle Creek, Michigan

The Hardy **REGELIAS** of Turkestan

These, Too, Are **ARILS**, but Very Different from Oncos and Oncogelias

For APRIL-MAY Bloom

ORIGIN: While botanically very close to the Oncos, and requiring much the same culture, Regelias are of very different appearance. In place of the magnificence of the Oncos, we have here characters of elegance and refinement that admirably fit these flowers for **distinctive flower arrangements**, novel bouquets and simply **stunning corsages**. Unlike any other Iris, Regelias have beards on BOTH standards and falls.

HYBRIDIZING: A tempting field for new hybridizers is to try crossing various Regelias with Bagdad Beauty, Our Suzy, Judean Raven, Gatesii, Nigricans, and other Oncos. Such hybridizing may easily be pioneering and exploratory, for many highly promising combinations have never been tried. My Manual (pages 36 and 37) gives various additional suggestions. The time to start is NOW.

NATIVE HABITATS: Turkestan and the western slopes of the lofty Himalayas.

CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING: General information given for Arils on page 26 is applicable. But as these originate at higher elevations and in more northern latitudes than the Oncos, they are less exacting, and in some sections require no special care. Easily grown throughout the U. S. except in Florida and near Gulf of Mexico.

HYBRIDS WITH DECORATIVE BEARDS: Even more thrill-producing than the exotic Regelia species themselves are the rare hybrids of different Regelias: **Bronze Beauty**, **Lucia**, **Orestes** and **Vulcanus**. Outstanding for their colorful decorative beards, unlike those found in any other Iris. Try crosses aimed to transfer these unique beards to other types of Iris. See "Decorative Beards" in my Manual, page 23.

NEWEST IN REGELIAS

★ **DECORATED BLUE BEARD** (Austin '57) E-EM-20" Blue bearded Iris always have a fascination, so I am certain this selection of Stolonifera will prove very popular. Has attractive **sharp russet-brown margins of the standards** like Stolonifera leichtlini, but beard is a **lovely light blue**, not the common yellow. Falls more spreading, less pinched than in typical Stolonifera; **much superior to it**. Very heavy bloomer. Latest form of Stolonifera, blooming 10 days later than Stolonifera leichtlini, hence one of very best of Regelias for crossing with Bearded Iris. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

RED, WHITE & BLUE (Austin '57) E-20" I have long sought an Iris in patriotic colors. At last it appeared as a variant of Stolonifera. Falls rich dark velvety red, light red border. Standards contrasting white, strongly edged and veined chocolate brown. Beard lilac-blue. Style crests mahogany rose. Resembles my Decorated Giant, but has redder standards and a bluer beard. Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

★ **BLUE JOY** E-18" Variant of Hoogiana improved in color and form. Uniform light blue, with almost none of lavender prominent in usual forms. Falls wider, more flaring, giving character to the bloom. Heavy seed setter. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

BRONZE BEAUTY E-24" Newest, largest and tallest of Regelias. The only distinct bicolor. Standards golden bronze veined in lavender. Falls long, narrow, dark wine-red, edged bronze. Beard cream, pointed. Gently waved. Utterly different! Heavy seed setter. [Hoogiana X Stolonifera] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

DECORATED DELIGHT E-20" One of the most fascinating of the forms of Stolonifera. The one singled out and ordered more than any by our garden visitors. Unlike all other forms except Decorated Giant, this has **white standards, heavily bordered with decorative veinings of pure brown**. Falls bright rosy lavender, bordered and veined in brown. Striking and distinctive white beard. Dainty, beautifully ruffled flowers superb for corsages and arrangements. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

EXPERT OPINION: "Decorated Delight was the loveliest of all Regelias, a real beauty." Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.

DECORATED GIANT E-16" Very similar to the sensational Decorated Delight, but nearly twice as large and even more attractive. Standards **amethyst-white**, bordered with a beautiful **rufous-chocolate edging** and sharp veining. Falls **velvety mahogany, veined dark crimson**, and highlighted with a bright lilac-rose signal. Beard very prominent, almost pure white, flanked by white hafts strongly veined in golden brown. Stunning! A super de luxe variant of Stolonifera. You need it in your crossing. Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

HOOGIANA (Blue Regelia) E-18" Pale lilac blue to Oxford blue like lustrous satin, set off by a bright golden beard. Recently discovered in isolated portions of Southern Turkestan, not far from the almost mythical Tibet. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 85c

HOOGIANA PURPUREA E-24" A rich, royal purple self, different from all others, with a deeper purple signal and a yellow beard. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN VE-E-18" Strangest of Regelias, giving one a feeling of the mystery of the Himalayas. Imagine flowers of **silvery white**, merging to maroon at base. Signal lustrous **dark chocolate** with a green iridescence. Beard brown. Beautifully veined in brown. You get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. See page 20. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

★ **KOROLKOWI CONCOLOR** VE-E-18" A self, uniformly colored smooth deep heliotrope with pinkish tinge and fine veins in dark red-violet. Much sought by hybridizers as it has plentiful pollen and is the seed parent of 10 Oncogelias, including Charon and Isolda. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

★ **KOROLKOWI PINK** VE-E-20" One of the many exclusive offerings available only at Rainbow Gardens. The pinkest and heaviest bloomer of Regelias. Standards and falls **creamy-pink**, with prominent maroon veins; a beautiful lavender-blue beard. Has pollen; a heavy seed-setter. Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order 83c

★ **KOROLKOWI VIOLACEAE** VE-E-18" Rare variant, white ground heavily flushed and veined red-violet. Best seed setter of Regelias. More Oncogelias have descended from this than any other. Try crosses with Tall Bearded and Oncos. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

LATE AMETHYST

BRONZE BEAUTY

Brown & Green

PINK

VIOLACEAE

CONCOLOR

Four Forms of
KOROLKOWI
All 4 for
only \$3.90

LATE AMETHYST EM-M-20" Selected form of Hoogiana. Blooms later than any other Regelia, with Tall Bearded. Both flower lovers and hybridizers like this late-blooming habit. A large, lovely clear amethyst blue, flushed deep amethyst in center. Distinctive, Pollen plentiful. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 90c

LUCIA (Lu-ci'a) E-20" Every spring the ladies go wild over this in my garden. A delightful pomegranate or wine red with the most striking beard imaginable - a gay, yet deep violet blue, the bluest beard of any Iris. Graceful flowers with narrow, erect standards, narrow down-hanging falls. A merry personality if there ever was one. Pollen bright green. Becoming scarce. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera]. You get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. See page 20. Regularly \$1.75; on \$10 order \$1.66

ORESTES (O-res'tez) VE to E-18" In mythology, Orestes was son of Clytemnestra, brother of Electra. Today it is a Regelia Hybrid milady can use most appropriately in a corsage, or by itself. A uniform rich red-mahogany, tastefully decorated with brown beard, high-lighted with bright violet iridescence. Gracefully frilled, waved, just right for decorating an evening gown. The earliest Regelia. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] Regularly \$1.75; on \$10 order \$1.66

★ **REAL HARMONY** E-18" A selected form of Stolonifera that has the smoothest, most harmonious coloring of them all. Standards soft amethyst, changing to russet at edges. Falls **velvety bronzy crimson**, harmoniously blended to tawny brown at edges. Style arms bright heliotrope, striking. Petals much wider and rounder than in any other form of Stolonifera; hence of particular interest to the many who are now hybridizing Arils. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

STOLONIFERA (Runner Iris) E-20" A memorable Iris of elongated form, frilled and waved. An indescribable blend of purplish rose, buff, set off by an electric blue beard. Sets seed. Pollen parent of 3 Regelias. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

STOLONIFERA CONICAL E-20" A lovely bronzy lilac-pink. Coloring like Stolonifera and fascinating narrow, conical form of Korolkowi. Prominent soft blue beard. Appealing, useful for corsages and small flower arrangements. Reg. 75c, on \$10 order 50c

STOLONIFERA LEICHTLINI E-20" Similar to typical species, but with deeper shadings of rustic brown, and more ruffled. Beard yellow. Seed parent of several Oncogelias. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

VULCANUS (Vul-kan'us) E-17" Named for Greek God of fire, flame and volcanic eruption, this is a bronzy scarlet tinted with crimson. Beard dark blue. Thrives better under summer dampness than any other Regelia. [Korolkowi X Stolonifera] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

MY FAVORITE REGELIAS - BARGAIN NO. 35 - Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal Regelia favorites for \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00, as you prefer.

ECONOMIZER'S REGELIAS - BARGAIN NO. 36 - Hoogiana, Korolkowi Pink, Stolonifera Conical, Stolonifera Leichtlini. All 4 for only \$2.95

NEW REGELIA and ONCOGELIA HYBRIDS

My extra choice new unnamed breeding material, similar to that offered on page 28 under "True Onco Hybrids"

EXTRA CHOICE REGELIAS . . \$1.00; 3 for \$1.95; 5 for \$2.95
EXTRA CHOICE ONCOGELIAS \$2.50; 3 for \$4.95; 5 for \$6.95

PURPUREA

BLUE JOY

Four forms of
HOOGIANA
All 4
for only
\$3.75



PERSIAN
LACE

PERSIAN
BRONZE



The Amazing **ONCOGELIAS**—Aril Hybrids From Crossing ONCOS With REGELIAS

The FIRST American Oncogelias

Almost all previous Oncogelias are from breeding work done in Holland 50 years ago. Below are the first two of my new strain of Oncogelias, radically different from any ever offered before. Both are from embryo-cultured seeds.

PERSIAN LACE (Austin '56) E-18" A new departure in Oncogelias, the largest, most Onco-like of any ever introduced. Flowers up to 6½ inches high, nearly twice the size of most Oncogelias on the market today. The very finest of the many Oncogelia seedlings that I have bloomed to date. Standards silvery white with a flush of pink, and with a complete lacework of fine sharp violet veins, reminiscent of handiwork of the East. Falls very broad, nearly circular, colored like standards except for a large soft orchid-pink area in center, and a prominent **ebony-black signal patch**. A flower of queenly elegance, wholly unlike any other Iris ever created. Has Onco blood from both parents, so no wonder it looks like an Onco! A heavy seed setter. [Teucros X Onco Seedling No. H-16-0]. Honorable Mention 1956. Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$15.00

REPORT FROM THE NORTH: "Persian Lace bloomed lovely and is growing well. Quite a few shutterbugs took slides of it. It was beautiful." Mrs. Robert M. Reinhardt, Waukesha, Wis.

REPORTS FROM 1956 A.I.S. CONVENTION: "Persian Lace, an Oncogelia hybrid with silvery pink violet veins is just out of this world. I guess I have fallen hard for the Arils and their hybrids."—L. Miller of New Mexico in A.I.S. Bul. 143.

"PERSIAN LACE, the 'covergirl' of Mr. Austin's 1956 catalogue and his first Oncogelia introduction was breathtaking. Almost as large as SUSIANA . . . it was an intricately patterned Iris of rosy purple effect."—E. Westmeyer in Reg. 1 Bul.

PERSIAN BRONZE (Austin '56) E-18" An intriguing new Oncogelia of unique form and the only one that is clearly intermediate between the Onco and Regelia types in its ancestry. A beautiful bronze self, lightly flushed with lilac, and having a lacework of dark brown veins. An Onco-like brownish-black signal patch decorates each fall. While the pollen parent, the Oncocyclis species *Auranitica*, is normally yellow, I find that it often throws lovely bronze seedlings, such as this, the most interesting one to date. Sets seed. Very rugged and easy to grow. A great increaser. [Teucros X *Auranitica*]. Honorable Mention 1957. . . \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

ORIGIN: Let me introduce to you the term ONCOGELIA, that I coined to more aptly and simply designate the marvelous family of hardy free-flowering hybrids resulting from crossing ONCOS with REGELIAS, and combining their good points. Heretofore these were termed *Regelocyclis*. I now have over 30 kinds under test, and am doing much crossing to produce my own new strain, the first releases being Persian Lace and Persian Bronze.

USES: Nearly all are practically unknown to American gardeners. So they constitute one of the best answers to that ever-present question of what to get for yourself or a friend that will really be different. When cut in large bud stage flowers will develop fully in water. Imagine the sensation that an assortment of these will cause in your garden, or at your flower show.

CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Same as for Regelias, page 29.

HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES: There is abundant opportunity here for the enterprising amateur hybridizer, as true pinks, reds, yellows, etc., have not as yet been achieved and the field is wide open. Practically all of today's varieties, fine though they are, contain some infusion of lavender. Pure spectrum colors in this group would be a marvelous achievement.

ORIGIN OF NAMES: Many have been curious as to the origin of the names bestowed on these by their Dutch creators. Most are from the Greek, Roman and Norse mythology, as I explain below. Now you will have a feeling of informed confidence when a garden visitor asks the origin of a name.

For APRIL-MAY Bloom COMING SOON!

A whole array of wonderful NEW Oncogelias, breathtaking hybrids such as the world has never seen, that had their maiden blooms in 1957. Just as soon as I can get these increased to meet the terrific demand expected, you will find them in this Guidebook. Here are some of the names proposed: *Persian Chocolate*, *Persian Delight*, *Persian Pansy* and *Persian Royalty*. Be on the lookout for them!

AGATHA E-20" Named for a Sicilian virgin saint of the 3rd century, often invoked against the ancient storms. Her modern counterpart has silvery standards flushed heliotrope, veined in dark violet. Falls silvery white, with heavy violet-black veins sharply etched, and radiating from very large triangular maroon-black signal patches. The flower is so large and the signal so prominent, it reminds one of finest true Oncos. Very outstanding! . . . Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.25

ALLEGRIA E-15" Probably the reddest of all Oncogelias and certainly one of the most striking and Onco-like. In fact, many of our visitors exclaim at the wonderful red "Onco" that they have found. While the parentage indicates that it contains Tall Bearded blood, its characteristics seem to be largely those of Oncogelias. Order early. A beauty, easy to grow. [Artemis X Ricardi]. . . Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

✱ **ANDROMACHE** (An-drom'a-ke) VE to E-18" In Homer's Iliad, Andromache was devoted wife of Hector. Now a princess clothed in silvery white and violet, with a soft lilac veil. Heavy decorative veining. Signal patch claret-black, prominent, like an Onco. Style crests wine-red, effectively setting off the flower. Has pollen, sets seed. [Korolkowi *Violacea* X *Mariae*]. See in color. . . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

✱ **ARTEMIS** (Ar'te-mis) VE-20" Named for Greek Goddess of the Chase, known for healing and averting plagues. Today's namesake will soothe your troubled thoughts and avert stagnation in any garden. One of the richest and deepest colored of Oncogelias. Ground silvery cream, over-laid and veined in bright, yet dark carmine-violet. Effect heightened by heavy black beard and striking black signal patch. Vigorous easy-to-grow. Thrives better under summer dampness than any other Oncogelia. Apparently can be grown along with Bearded Iris in most well-drained gardens. [Korolkowi *Violaceae* X *Mariae*]. . . \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

ASPORINA E-22" One of the most appealing, due to uniform deep orchid-rose color, faintly veined in dark claret. A flower of large size, with an exceptionally smooth finish and tranquil tone, making a pleasing contrast with prominent black signal patch, and wide, Onco-like, black beard. Visitors often choose this in preference to any other Oncogelia. Pollen bright green. Almost equal to Luna as a seed-setter. . . \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

✱ **CAMILLA** VE-11" A swift-footed virgin in Virgil's Aeneid. Will add bright spot to your Oncogelia garden. A small flower of exceptionally brilliant purple, with prominent blackish signal. Style arms red, sharply contrasting. Try in corsage. . . Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 50c

✱ **EUNICE** E-14" Eunice was a Jewess of Lystra, in New Testament as mother of Timothy. And now we know Eunice, the Oncogelia. Nearly a self with pale whitish pink petals having fine dark red veins and a dark crimson signal changing to nearly black in center. Petals sparkle as if dusted with silver. Pollen blue, plentiful. [Korolkowi concolor X *Iberica*]. . . Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

Wondering about the meaning of the symbol ✱ that you find all through the catalog?
These are the choicest of the inexpensive Iris, especially recommended for beginners.

CHARON (Kar'on) EE-16" Stands apart due to **entrancing unique golden bronze tints** and its **extreme earliness**. Standards light buff, flushed dark crimson, impressively veined in mahogany. Falls golden buff, veined in dark reddish mahogany, with **large black-mahogany signal**. Flower **glitters as if sprinkled with gold dust**. One of very finest for hybridizing. Pollen bright yellow, plentiful. [Korolkowi Concolor X Atropurpurea]. **In lifelike color. You get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words.** See page 20. Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$2.37**

HERA E-12" Standards bright pinkish mulberry, with darker veins. Falls deeper, veined darker. Petals ruffled. Most Oncogelias resemble Oncos but **this shows more of Regelia influence**. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

HERMIONE (Her-mi'o-ne) VE-22" In Greek legend Hermione was the beautiful daughter of Menelaus and Helen; was carried off by Orestes. Today, as she adorns your Oncogelia garden, she is the **tallest and one of the largest**. Her coloring is soft, alluring. Standards silvery mulberry, veined purplish black. Falls silvery white, striking black signal patch, broad black beard, heavy veins of dark maroon. Very exotic, Onco-like, yet vigorous; so ideal for starting your Aril collection. . . \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.35**

ISIS (I'sis) E-14" In Roman mythology, Isis was universal mother of nature, mistress of all the elements. When you meet her in the garden she'll be wearing a bright violet carmine blouse and skirt of light maroon, heavily overlaid on a buff ground. As ornaments, signal patches of blackish maroon, and, strangely, a black beard. You'll want her to adorn YOUR garden. **AM Royal Hort. Soc.** - [Korolkowi violaceae X Iberica Van Houttei] Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order **\$1.19**

ISOLDA EE-16" Named for "Isolde the Beautiful," heroine of medieval romance. Resembles Charon, and like it, stands out from most Oncogelias due to its **entrancing golden bronze tints** and its **extreme earliness**. But Isolda is **larger, has broader, more Onco-like falls**, is preferred by hybridizers. Likely to become sold out this season. I have been using it successfully as both a seed parent and a pollen parent. **Order early** to be sure to get yours. [Korolkowi Concolor X Atropurpurea] Regularly \$2.25; on \$10 order **\$1.50**

LUNA EE-18" A favorite of visitors. Deep red-violet veins entrancingly etched on a smooth creamy ground, delightfully flushed with **pink and lavender**. Rich splash of purplish **black plush** in center of falls. Pollen green. Prized by hybridizers; **best seed setter of Oncogelias**. [Korolkowi Violaceae X Susiana] **See in color**. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.90**

PARTHENOPE (Par-then'o-pe) VE-15" The mythical Parthenope, one of the three Sirens, charmed admirers with her songs. The charm of the modern Parthenope lies in her lace-like veil. Decorative lace-work is particularly pronounced, due to sharp contrast between dark veins and light ground color. Petals **pure white, sparkling** as if dusted with silver; **veins in dark mulberry and maroon**. Signal patch black-maroon. **Beard black**, anthers chartreuse. Heaviest bloomer of Oncogelias. 2-year-old clump from 6 original plants had over 100 flowers, a solid mass of bloom. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.27**

PSYCHE VE-15" Named for beautiful maiden Psyche, of Greek mythology, who had butterfly-like wings, was raised to the skies to live forever with Cupid as her lover. Now the namesake **can lend exotic charm to your garden for a most modest price**. Her blouse is in palest lilac, lined purple; her skirt is pale **greenish-silver**, decorated in dark maroon. Flowers profusely. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **80c**

TEUCROS EM-18" One of prettiest of Oncogelias, a **remarkable seed-setter**. Standards melting lilac-pink, with fine dark pink veins. Falls **glistening silvery white, flushed pink**, decorated with fine maroon veins and a stunning dark maroon signal. Beard maroon-black. Late for an Oncogelia. **Seedparent of both of my 1956 Oncogelias, Persian Lace and Persian Bronze. AM, Haarlem, Holland.** . Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

THESEUS (The'sus) EM-21" Theseus was the chief Attic hero, who conquered the Amazons and married their queen. Today, one of the largest, tallest and pinkest. Standards **deep amethyst pink**, veined in dark mulberry. Falls similar, but with a silvery white border and a **signal and beard in black**. Yields fertile pollen. **Latest bloomer of all Oncogelias**, coinciding with the early and midseason Tall Bearded; hence timed right for exhibiting at most Iris shows. **See in life-like color**. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.42**

THOR E-12" Distinctively colored. Standards whitish, heavily flushed and veined mulberry; falls silvery white, large maroon signal. Strange wide bronzy-gray beard. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

CONVENTION REPORT: "We attended the Flower Show in Memphis, Tennessee, the one complimenting the American Iris Society members, and saw your display of **ARIL IRIS**; they were simply "out of this world." I wish you could have seen the crowd, standing on tip toes to see over shoulders and poking their heads through arms to get a glimpse of them. It was well worth your time and effort. I hope to own some of those beautiful plants some day. I can truthfully say this about your plants, more of **your** plants bloomed for me the first year than any I have ever purchased elsewhere." Mrs. Hubert Hafner, Amory, Mississippi.

SUCCESS WITH ARILS: People in every state, except Florida, are now having remarkable success with Arils. Many have developed their own methods to fit their special local conditions. If you are one of these, won't you be so kind as to tell me of your methods in some detail. **Thank you.**

MY FAVORITE ARILS - Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in Arils for **\$5.00, \$10.00, or \$25.00**, as you prefer.
TEMPTING ONCOGELIA COLLECTIONS

THESEUS
Only
\$1.50

From
Greek
Mythology

The 4
COLOR PLATE
Varieties on
this page for
only **\$5.25**

DE LUXE COLOR PLATES
Above 4 plus
PERSIAN BRONZE for
only **\$7.95**

"FIRST-TRY" ONCOGELIAS:
Andromache, Artemis, Camilla, Hera
and Teucros for only **\$2.95**



LUNA
\$2.00
Named for
Roman
Goddess
of the
Moon



CHARON — \$2.50
From ancient
Greek
Mythology



ANDROMACHE
\$1.00
Was in
Homer's
Iliad

World's Only Complete and Up-to-date Listing
The Twice-Blooming *AUTUMN BLOOMERS*
Give You THE MOST For Your Money

USES AND BLOOMING SEASON: All through the long fall visitors keep asking us what we do to make our IRIS bloom again in the fall. It is not so much what we do, as the particular varieties we grow that have this inherent tendency. This is a rapidly evolving new class of Iris that gives you bloom TWICE a year at no higher cost than the usual once-bloomers. These bloom in the spring, and then give a repeat performance in the fall, the dates varying greatly with different varieties. A few are very new FREQUENT BLOOMERS, or EVERBLOOMERS, giving a display three or more times a year. Below are 54 varieties from 25 hybridizers in 10 states, including Massachusetts, Illinois, Utah, Indiana, New York, Iowa, Tennessee and California. Most varieties of Autumn Bloomers tend to start bloom in the spring one to three weeks before the Tall Bearded. Thus they serve to lengthen your spring season as well as to add fall bloom to your garden.

HEIGHT AND SIZE OF FLOWER: Not many years ago all of the fall bloomers were low-growing plants with small flowers. Now tall varieties, with flowers as large as Tall Bearded Iris are becoming available in various colors.

CULTURE AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE AUTUMN BLOOM: General culture same as for Tall Bearded, page 7. Fall bloom is naturally more regular in warm Southern gardens than in the North, but much depends on the care you give them. Full details in my Manual, but briefly the following is the special care, particularly important in the North, that helps to bring on a second bloom. Plant in full sun, away from root competition. Use well prepared soil fertilized thoroughly and deeply. Keep plants adequately moist (but not too wet), and well weeded, all through late winter and spring. Try giving a short rest after spring flowering; then keep well watered to bring on the second bloom. Fertilize several times during the summer with liquid manure, or with complete chemical fertilizer dissolved in water. Transplant every year or two, as crowded plants seldom rebloom. In cold regions plant in a warm protected spot, perhaps close to the south side of a light colored building, where they will get as much warmth during cool fall days as your climate will provide. Probably surest way is to cut off flowering stalks in spring on part of plants as soon as stalks appear. That will stimulate growth of new rhizomes, which will often bloom that fall.

HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 7.

Bloom August to November and in Spring
Guide to Time of SECOND Blooming

SUMMER BLOOMERS: Relatively few Bearded Iris bloom during the summer; so it is helpful in planning continuity of bloom to know which have the strongest inherent tendencies in this direction. These are those Autumn Bloomers that often start their second bloom early, in June, July or August. These varieties are also ideal for the hybridizer aiming at everblooming Iris. Summer bloom is seldom as complete or heavy as spring bloom, but varieties vary greatly. I give below a list of 14 Autumn Bloomers that often bloom in summer. I use bold type to indicate those that have given me the heaviest summer bloom. (For Winter Bloomers see page 35.)

All in this list are marked + on the following pages. Almond Blossom, August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Barre Beauty, Autumn Twilight, Gibson Girl, Joseph's Mantle, July Beauty, Nappanee, October Shadows, Persian Pattern, Pink Lace, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Tea.

EARLY FALL BLOOMERS — (Generally these are the best ones for Autumn bloom in cold climates, but also see note on next group): August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Autumn Flame, Autumn Queen, Autumn Twilight, Barre Beauty, Blue Mascot, Gibson Girl, July Beauty, Menominee, Nappanee, Potawatomi, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Tea, Western Hills, Zulu Warrior.

MID FALL BLOOMERS — (Those given in bold type have already proved to be dependable twice bloomers in cold climates, such as Mass.): Autumn Sunset, Fall Frills, Halloween Night, Harvest Blue, Lady Moon, October Shadows, Polar King, Sally Ann.

LATE FALL BLOOMERS — (Give fine spring bloom almost anywhere, but best suited to mild climates for fall bloom. See also my offerings in WINTER BLOOMERS, page 35: Autumn Orchid, Ball Gown, Blue Surprise, Champagne Velvet, Buckthorn Brown, Fair Enough, Green Goddess, Green Hope, Joseph's Mantle, Mishawaka, Moon Goddess, Mount Timp, Pink Lace, Scarlet Tiger.

MY FEATURE OFFERING FOR 1958

BLUE SURPRISE (Austin '57) EM-ML-36" BLUE SURPRISE surprises everyone in more ways than one. Perhaps first for its heavy tendency to re-bloom in late fall, and to send forth at that time, as well as in spring, a generous supply of the largest and finest flowers of any of our blue re-bloomers. Last fall every visitor to the garden marveled at the abundance of bloom, the size and beauty of the flowers, the bright light blue color, the extraordinary substance, and perhaps most of all, at its ever-evident and enticing fragrance. It is probably the most fragrant variety in our entire garden! A bouquet of BLUE SURPRISE will quickly perfume an entire room. Then, too, this is the Iris that takes the weather, and whatever the weather man has to offer. It demonstrated its weather-resisting qualities in 1956 when it came through a severe hail storm with flying colors when nearly every other variety was riddled to shreds. In adverse weather one realizes quickly that one good Iris is worth a dozen poor ones. Has a white flush around creamy beard. Branching quite good. Breeders everywhere will want this, some for certain of its good qualities, and some for others. And, believe it or not, I'm including BLUE SURPRISE as one of the 12 where you get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. See page 20. [Berkeley Blue X Chivalry] Regularly \$15.00; Sale price \$10.00

• **ALMOND BLOSSOM** (Craig '53) + M-40" A new tall fall bloomer in clear peach-blossom pink, baby pink hafts, ibis pink beard. Reported by Peg Dabagh to be in bloom in July in Berkeley, Calif., and to bloom 3 times a year there. Lovely and especially prolific of bloom. [Hall 42-07 X Peach Parfait sib.] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

AUTUMN DELIGHT (Austin '52) + EM-30" Most continuous, heaviest bloomer of our 80 varieties of fall bloomers. Standards light amethyst pink with silvery tone, arched, gently waved. Falls deep rosy mulberry. Blooms in spring, starts again in September (or earlier) and blooms for 6 to 8 weeks. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Not only a very heavy fall bloomer but also an oddity as it has an inconstant number of standards. While there are usually 3, occasionally there will be just 1 or 2. Delightfully fragrant, pollen abundant. Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

AUTUMN FLAME 30" Fine for early fall bloom. Large, wine-red bitone with velvety falls. Grand. Fragrant Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

AUTUMN ORCHID (Austin '56) 36" An absolute self in bright rosy or magenta violet, with prominent yellow beard. Nicely arched and domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Has one of the longest fall blooming periods of any Iris. Started its second or fall bloom late last October and bloomed for two full months. Branching simply superb; usually 6 branches per stalk, the lower ones 15" to 20" long and re-branched, even in the fall. With so many buds there are often 4 flowers open at once on each stalk. Should prove a boon to breeders of Autumn bloomers as very few have height and really good branching. Very fragrant. [(Christensen's Elmoir Seedling x King High) X Self] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.75

AUTUMN QUEEN (Sass) 8" Exceedingly popular. Sometimes everblooming, April to November. Very pure white, like dwarf Priscilla, white beard Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 60c



JOSEPH'S MANTLE — Amazing Frequent Bloomer — \$1.50

BALL GOWN (Craig '50) ML-L-35" A twice-blooming version of Oriental Glory. Standards red-bronze, falls glistening reddish copper, large bright violet signal. Beard heavy, harmonizing golden bronze. Branching good. Sweetly fragrant. Pollen plentiful. My heaviest 1955 seed setter with Gatesii pollen! [(China Maid x Tiffany) X Sultan's Robe] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.90

BLUE MASCOT 4" Large, charming lilac-blue. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c

Percy Brown's MASSACHUSETTS BRED Fall Bloomers

You may have the first 4 for \$4.55; these 4 plus any one of the other 4 in this box for only \$5.55

Dr. Percy Brown has been breeding Autumn Blooming Iris in Massachusetts for the past twenty years. He has developed a whole series of splendid varieties that give bloom each year in fall in the rigorous climate of New England. Dr. Brown's varieties should give fall bloom in almost any state in the Union.

AUGUST WAVES (Brown '41) + 22" A pretty neglecta. Re-blooms from August to frost in cold climates or warm ones. Most welcome as Iris bloom is at its lowest ebb in August. Standards pale blue. Falls flaring, rich violet Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

AUTUMN ELF + M-15" Re-bloomed repeatedly summer & fall in originator's garden in Mass. One of the best proven summer & fall bloomers for cold climates. Pale-olive green standards, lavender falls with cream edge. Dainty, fragrant. HM'36 Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 56c

AUTUMN TWILIGHT (Brown '48) + L-32" My personal favorite of the Percy Brown persistent fall bloomers that we grow. Exceedingly colorful. Great numbers of large flowers with sparkling golden cream standards and bright orchid pink falls. Blooms with other Iris in the spring and then re-blooms heavily from August to November. Dependable fall bloomer even in cold climates. Lots of good pollen. A real find! Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37

Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 4, 1955. "In the fall blooming Iris I have had almost continuous bloom from July 10th. Now AUTUMN TWILIGHT is in bloom, with OCTOBER SHADOWS to open soon, and more stalks coming on AUTUMN ELF. It has been quite a surprise to many visitors to walk in the yard and see Iris in bloom in midsummer." Earl Roberts.

• **BARRE BEAUTY** (Brown '53) + 24" Percy Brown says this is his most reliable summer and fall bloomer to date. Should repeat performance in any of our colder states. A pleasing lilac bitone with standards pale lavender, falls pinkish amethyst. [September Sparkler X Unknown] Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order 83c

FALL VELVET IMPROVED (Brown) ML-28" Indeed an improvement over the old Fall Velvet, as this is taller, brighter and better branched. Standards blue-lilac; falls deep rosy-amethyst. Heavily branched, with up to 15 buds. Reblooms in mid-October Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.87

HARVEST BLUE (Brown '50) VL-24" The closed standards and styles are medium lavender-blue, broad and full. The deeper blue falls flare widely. An extremely profuse fall bloomer that makes more of a mass display than any other variety I know of. Fragrant. Has good pollen. Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.19

OCTOBER SHADOWS (Brown '52) + E to L-34" Starts with a long spring bloom; re-blooms prolifically July to October, approaching everblooming. Standards light silvery lilac flushed yellow. Falls lilac rose. Spendid tall stalks, wide low branching, 12 flowers per stalk. Pollen plentiful; very good seed setter. Enticingly fragrant. [September Sparkler X Autumn Sunset] Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

SEPTEMBER SPARKLER Offered at special group price, blue box, page 33. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.90

The Best Inexpensive TWICE-BLOOMERS

You may have the first 5 for **\$3.55**; or all 6 for **\$4.95**

AUTUMN SUNSET 32" Bred from 2 Dykes winners. Light bronzy pink and crimson pink edged bronze. Very colorful. [Rosy Wings X Rameses] Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

HALLOWEEN NIGHT (Weed '43) 38" The one to get for fall festive sprays usually blooming just in time for a novel type of Halloween decorations. A bright lemon-yellow, veined in golden brown. Up to 17 flowers to a stalk Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 64c

JULY BEAUTY (Weed '43) +EM-28" One of the best both for bloom and for crossing for everblooms. Sometimes starts its fall bloom as early as July and may continue till Dec. Light lilac blue and deep amethyst. Stems heavily branched with up to 20 buds. Was one of the very outstanding varieties in our garden last fall. Reported as a fall bloomer in Massachusetts ... Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 71c

"I am happy to tell you that your iris July Beauty has given me more pleasure than any other I have ever grown over a very long period of gardening. From the rhizome purchased from you 2 years back, I now have several divisions. The divisions bloom while still quite young, and this year I have had bloom on the plants in April, June, July, September & October. More buds are coming now that will carry them into November. I have them blooming with yellow marguerites at present (Oct. 20) and their lovely blue color would be equally good with yellow or bronze chrysanthemums." Mrs. Chas. J. Oram, Menlo Park, California.

POLAR KING (Donahue '39) E to L-32" Most dependable for northern latitudes. I have records of its blooming in Massachusetts 5 falls in succession. Bloomed in our garden Sept. to Dec. A high quality pure white iris, ideally branched, sometimes 4 flowers out at once. Very fragrant. Sure to please. AM'32 - [Moonlight X (Dominion x)] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

SANGREAL (Sass '35) +EM-24" Approaches an everbloomer. After blooming normally in the spring, Sangreal gave me the heaviest summer bloom of any bearded iris last summer. A large part of the rhizomes in a long row bloomed all thru Aug., with some fall bloom, too. Attractive light yellow self with deep yellow veins. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 67c

SEPTEMBER SPARKLER (Brown '53) +E-30" Blooms here in Spring and off and on from June to November. Approaches ever-blooming tendencies. Standards nicely cupped, pale elusive lavender with a golden halo at base. Falls deep blue lilac with striking maroon reticulations and yellow beard. Four-way branching starts near ground. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Sets seed easily; has good pollen. Seed parent of most of Mr. Brown's fall bloomers. Top-notch for any hybridizer Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.90

BUCKTHORN BROWN (Milliken '48) 36" The best of all bronze autumn bloomers! A ruffled and rippled light bronzy brown with elusive hints of blue and mauve in the strongly flaring falls. Style crests golden buff faintly streaked in green. Beard intense yellow. Good sized flowers on well branched stalks with about 8 buds. Fragrant. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

CARABELLA (DeForest '49) 36" The largest inexpensive Flamingo Pink that blooms in the spring and then again in the fall. A luscious light salmon pink with a large prominent orange-tangerine beard. HM'49 Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

CHAMPAGNE VELVET (Sass '55) M-35" A handsome new fancy with satin white falls, bordered with a bright band of bright violet put on with minute dots. Standards bright purple, waved and ruffled. Substance very heavy; falls semi-flaring. Starts second bloom in Sept. or Oct. and may bloom till Christmas Reg. \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

***CUPID'S DART** (Craig '53) M-45" A pinkish ivory self with orange tangerine beard that may be likened to a picturesque blond with unrestrained make-up. The bright beard is like a clear cut dash of lipstick on a powder pink countenance. The smooth haft-cheeks are deeply rouged intense, warm pink. A giant twice-bloomer that might well be Mt. Washington in a bright new color. Flowers heavily in both spring and fall. The finest landscape pink I know. [(Mt. Washington x Flora Zenor) X Sib.] \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

FAIR ENOUGH (White '35) E-L-38" One of the earliest of the large-flowered iris to bloom in the spring; continues to bloom past all believing. Then in October, or November, it starts again and blooms until December and often January, if weather permits. Almost evergreen; leaves remain fully green and erect, undaunted by moderate cold. A beautiful light blue. Lena Lothrop said that this had more flowers in a year than any other iris. Remarkable value at this price. [Purissima X Susiana] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

FALL FRILLS (Austin '56) 34" A light apricot-pink, large, luscious and frilly, with prominent red-tangerine beard. Nicely ruffled and with a delightful picoted (scalloped) edge to the petals. While perhaps not equal to the very newest and most expensive of the once-flowering Flamingos, it is a great advance and most frilly of the twice-blooming Flamingos I have bloomed to date. About twice the size and ever so much finer and clearer colored than Pink Lace, which has been our most popular and reliable fall-blooming Flamingo pink. Fine low branching. An extremely heavy fall bloomer and a great increaser. Last fall we had 55 flowers on a clump grown in 2 years from one rhizome. Its seed-parent Fuchsia often blooms in the fall, and with such a famous pollen parent as Paradise Pink, Fall Frills should be highly useful to breeders of both everblooms and red-bearded pinks. Very precocious, first flowering only ten months after sowing the seed. [Fuchsia X Paradise Pink] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

GERSDORFF-SASS HYBRID VE-28" I heartily recommend this for a MASS fall display of beautiful, large and very novel flowers The most unusual of all, colored like Dresden china. A combination not duplicated even in the multitude of spring bloomers. Standards smooth parchment, flushed mulberry. Falls mulberry-pink, overlaid on a parchment ground, and with a most striking lemon-yellow haft. Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.19

GIBSON GIRL +M-36" Spring, summer and fall bloomer. Light pinkish mulberry and deep rose mulberry peppered on cream ground. Very large, outstanding, a wonderful dollar value. Usually starts its second bloom in August and blooms on and on until cut down by heavy frosts. [Madame Louis Aureau X Tiffany] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

GLOWING AMBER (Craig '53) A real break in iris patterns and a real addition to my ever growing list of Autumn Bloomers. Tom Craig seems to have a way of bringing forth the most interesting and unusual combinations of color. Here the under color is golden amber over which burnt umber and sepia seem to be glazed in a smoky, radiating pattern. Surely unbeatable blood for those seeking rich colorings. HM'54 - [Joseph's Mantle X Rich Raiment] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$7.12

GREEN GODDESS (Weed '39) EE-4" Creamy white with pronounced greenish cast—in fact one of the greenest dwarfs that I list. Though a real midget, only 4" high, it has flowers among largest of Dwarfs, often over 4" across. An extremely heavy, persistent bloomer, not only flowering in the spring, but often also in fall, and even in winter where climate permits Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.19

GREEN HOPE (Rees '56) M-28" A light chartreuse self, soft olive veining at haft. Bright yellow beard. Apparently all who saw it in originator's garden wanted it. Visitors were impressed with the extent that it is saturated with green and remarked that it is greener than Green Pastures. The originator, Geo. N. Rees, our Rainbow Gardens poet, lives in the Ozark Mts. of Missouri. He has found it fully cold-hardy. Has regularly bloomed for me in late fall. Fertile both ways, so should be tops for breeding a green twice-bloomer. Fragrant. [Missouri Night X The Black Douglas] Reg. \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

HEATHERLANDS (Craig '53) M-38" An interesting white-ground fancy, with standards marked in purple heather and falls striated and brushed in wood-violet. A lovely flower with a white beard tipped in yellow. Buds very striking, nearly black. Said to produce horned seedlings. [Joseph's Mantle X Royal Band] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

JOSEPH'S MANTLE (Craig '49) +EM-36" A delightful FREQUENT Bloomer from Tom Craig. He tells me this blooms with the early iris, again with the late ones, still again in October or even mid-winter in mild climates. Often it blooms as heavily in October as does any iris in spring. So colorful was named for "Joseph's coat of many colors." An immense flower in golden buff washed and striated red brown, with red brown stippling forming a margin to the falls. Tom Craig is an artist of renown. This creation of his makes one wonder if he has found a secret way of coloring his hybrids as he applies colors to his canvas. Joseph's Mantle will amaze and captivate you. [(China Maid x Tiffany) X Mitchell Seedlings]. See my color photograph page 32. Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

Hugo, Oklahoma, Dec. 10: "Today I cut a 36" stalk of Joseph's Mantle and brought in the house. The top bud opened several days ago and it now has 12 buds left. Last night it got down to 26° here. We have had several frosts before this." Mrs. T. H. Farmer.

LADY MOON (Whiting '50) M-34" A large, superb new white. Out-shines all other white fall bloomers so far introduced. Among my 80 varieties of fall bloomers, I have no other white that compares with it for quality, size, general beauty. Comes closest I have to a fall blooming SNOW FLURRY. A true white, yet standards are distinctly a blue white, beautifully cupped, ruffled. Falls rather flaring, distinctly creamy or yellow-white with an ivory beard. Over 90% of rhizomes bloomed for me last fall. [(Purissima x Matula) X White Goddess] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

LOIS CRAIG (Craig '56) EM-32" The widely-traveled originator of this masterpiece, Tom Craig, tells me that this newest of his twice-bloomers, Lois Craig, reminds him both of the iridescent plumage of tropical birds, and of light playing thru stained glass in an old-world cathedral — more specifically, this is a vibrant deep red mingled with tones of purple and brown, and with light, cool, sky colors playing on the surface. Flowers very large; stalks tall, strong, slender, widely branched. With varieties like Mexican Magic, Savage and Molten in its parentage, it is no wonder that it has dazzling brilliance. HM'57 - [(China Maid x Tiffany) x Mexican Magic) X (Savage x Molten)] Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$17.00

MOUNT TIMP—Extra large twice-bloomer. Dark rose standards; pale yellow falls strikingly edged mulberry. A dandy! Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

MOON GODDESS M-36" A large flower in strange cool grayed wistaria, novel and interesting. Has been found to be a perfect color companion for the new pinks. Has proved to be consistent twice-bloomer in originator's garden. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

PINK LACE (Sass '45) +M-36" Outstanding as a fall-blooming Flamingo pink, second only to Fall Frills & Fantasy. Among the best of earlier introductions. Only inexpensive one that blooms well in fall & spring. A real bargain at this low price. Flowers salmon pink with tangerine beard. Nicely formed, of medium size. Seed set last spring on Pink Lace using pollen of 5 tangerine-bearded pinks. Now you try it! [(Dore x Matula) X Flora Zenor]. See Ektachrome Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

COLOR PLATES

Exclusive in this Guidebook. I take Ektachromes from Rainbow Gardens flowers.

PINK LACE — Only \$1.00



"The twice-blooming Irises we had are THRICE blooming with us."
R. G. Wilson, Taradale, New Zealand.

Wise's INDIANA BRED Wakarusa Fall Bloomers

You may have all 4 for only \$4.95

Here are the first four of a new strain of hardy Tall Bearded autumn bloomers developed for cold climates by Charlie Wise in Indiana, as an offshoot of Greig Lapham's enterprising work in creating better reds and pinks. They have arisen strictly from Tall Bearded breeding lines and contain no Dwarfs or Intermediates in their ancestry. The flowers are large, of fine form and substance. They have heavy, low branched 34" to 38" stalks carrying 12 to 20 buds each. They bloom in the fall in Indiana for a period of six weeks, and new stalks are usually starting when freezing weather comes.

MENOMINEE (Wise '49) E-36" A ruffled and glistening pinkish buff, sparkling with gold dust in the sun. Standards golden buff, flushed pink. Falls soft rosy pink over a buff ground. Style crests buff yellow. Profuse pollen. Very fragrant. [Red Ray X Autumn Sunset].....

Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.19

MISHAWAKA (Wise '49) M-34" A glistening yellow self with a deep orange yellow beard and deep gold veining at haft. Pleasingly fragrant. Gave us an extremely heavy, prolonged bloom last fall. [Red Ray X Autumn Sunset]....Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

NAPPANEE (Wise '49) +E-37" The heaviest bloomer of the group and also the tallest and brightest. In mid-September the stalks often reach a height of 40" or more. Over 90% of the rhizomes usually give fall bloom. Standards creamy pink flushed golden from the base. Falls bright crimson. A stunning flower for fall bouquets or for adding a mass of color to the fall gardens. Pollen plentiful. [Priority X Forerunner]...Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

★**POTAWATOMI** (Wise '49) LM-36" Standards light bronzy red becoming yellowish at base. Falls bronzy scarlet, velvety, glistening with gold crystals. Prominent yellow beard. Pollen exceedingly abundant. [Priority X (Wakarusa x Red Ray)].....

Regularly \$2.25; on \$10 order \$1.50

OCTOBER BLAZE (McDade) EE-34" A blazing and dancing deep red with violet undertones and glittering gold beard.....Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

PERSIAN PATTERN (Craig '50) +EM-35" A very interesting Oncobred that has been widely reported as either a twice bloomer or an everbloomer. Mrs. Grant Merrill (Red Bluff, Calif.) says "We had blooms on and off all year." It bloomed every month of the year for Mrs. Mary E. Knopf at Campbell, Calif. Standards gold-buff with olive cast at base and midrib, flushed lilac at tip. Falls the same, with a heavily etched pattern of soft grayish crimson. Bronze beard. Hard to beat as one of the potential parents of a new everblooming race of Iris. Better find out what it will do for you. [Gay Senorita X Ib-Mac, True].....Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$3.80

ROYAL BAND (Craig '50) M-ML-34" Here we have the fall blooming counterpart of the famous Minnie Colquitt. The many who have raved over Minnie can now have this twice-blooming edition. Standards bright purple, flushed white. Falls pure white, with a very prominent purple edge and a purple center line. Nicely ruffled. Pollen plentiful. [Mme. L. Aureau X (Tiffany x Los Angeles)].....Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

SALLY ANN (Smith '45) E to LM-34" Of all yellow fall bloomers I have tried, this has the largest flowers and the clearest color—a beautiful even yellow, satiny in texture, sparkling in the sun as if dusted with gold. Under favorable conditions, nearly every rhizome blooms. One of the few large enough and good enough to hold its own in the spring. Also, I know no other Iris that can surpass the record of Sally Ann for 4½ weeks continuous spring bloom. Flowers often measure as large as 6" x 6". In mild climates, or in mild winters in moderately severe climates, often blooms through Jan. and Feb. as well as in spring and late fall. Very fragrant. Color photo at right [Kalinga X Jelloway].....

Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.25

SAVAGE (Craig '49) M-34" Tom Craig tells me that this has proven to be a most consistent fall bloomer and that it is of an incredibly intense color. I also have reports on this from Oregon, Utah and Missouri and everyone who has seen it has been greatly impressed with the fiery brilliance of the coloring. Bronze-red, suffused and blazed magenta. A broad flaring flower of heavy substance. Imagine what it will do to add a dazzling blaze of color to your fall garden. HM'51.....Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37

★**SCARLET TIGER** (Austin '53) E to M-25" Formerly offered as a Border Iris, I now include it with the Autumns, as it has proved to be a heavy bloomer in late fall as well as spring. Harmonizing red bitone with falls close to scarlet, in fact, an even brighter red than the famous Technicolor. Standards light yellow, flushed red. Beard bright orange. Pollen abundant. Excellent breeder for autumns and Border Iris, and for working toward brilliant scarlet in Tall Bearded. [Tiger Tiger X self]....Reg. \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

TWO FOR TEA (Auten '48) +M-20" A Table Iris that blooms spring, summer and fall. A delicate, dainty orchid-pink self, slender stemmed. I had some in bloom almost continuously last summer and fall.....Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

WESTERN HILLS (Mrs. Brown '51) M-42" Colored like the autumn leaves in warm golden tan, with falls flushed silvery plum and peacock-blue over rich copper. Reported by Mrs. Steedman as a dependable fall bloomer in Roanoke, Va., without special care. Reblooms early enough to insure fall bloom over most of U. S. Exceptionally tall for an autumn bloomer. Delightful fragrance.....Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

WHITE ALONE 34" A lovely twice-blooming pure white of good height.....Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

ZULU WARRIOR (Craig '54) ML-38" Stands as a fitting climax to my offerings in Autumn bloomers. The originator states that this is his new super plicata, which, under his climatic conditions blooms all fall and winter and then again for a long period in the spring. A large ruffled yellow plicata with a dense wine-berry border, much like a twice-blooming edition of Raspberry Ribbon, but here the color is dark crimson instead of red-dish-purple. Tom Craig can well be proud of this one and you will certainly be proud if you have it in your garden. HM'54—[Joseph's Mantle X Burgundy Splash].....Regularly \$12.50; on \$10 order \$8.33

"I can report that your Fall Bloomers favored us with bloom and put on a display for the Fall meeting of Region 6." M. F. Dow, Central Ohio Iris Society.

IRIS for DECEMBER Church Decorations

We arranged the local church decorations on December 9 using several hundred stalks of over 50 Iris varieties. It was when the Autumn bloomers were ending and the winter bloomers were starting. Outstanding were Lady Moon, Joseph's Mantle, Winter Flame, Sally Ann, Autumn Delight and Pink Pinafore. Even Autumn Twilight, which had been blooming for 4 months, had one stalk left! You can do it, too!

Let's change "A penny saved is a penny earned" to a modern version to fit today's needs, thus: "Dollars saved are dollars earned." How? It's easy and it's fun! Just play my new SECRET VARIETY GAME, page 20.



SALLY ANN — Best Yellow Spring-Fall Bloomer — \$2.50

Save With My AUTUMN BLOOMING Collections

MY FAVORITE AUTUMNS — BARGAIN NO. 20 — Explained on page 2.

I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in the twice-blooming Autumn Bloomers for \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00, as you prefer.

MY FAVORITE AUTUMNS AND WINTERS — BARGAIN NO. 21 —

Similar to above, but carefully chosen for bloom all thru the long Fall and Winter as well as in Spring, for \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00, as you prefer.

COLOR PLATES — BARGAIN NO. 22 — The 3 shown in full color, Joseph's Mantle, Pink Lace and Sally Ann for only \$4.25.

SUMMER & EARLY FALL BLOOMERS — BARGAIN NO. 23 —

Autumn Twilight, Sangreal, Autumn Elf, Gibson Girl for only \$3.95.

LATE FALL & WINTER BLOOMERS — BARGAIN NO. 24 — Joseph's Mantle, Mount Timp, Moon Goddess, Technicolor, for only \$3.90.

For Helpful Autumn Collections Designed Specifically for Hybridizers, See page 25.

Do You Have Any Twice-Blooming Seedlings?

I am now assembling, from all parts of the world, a large collection of Iris seedlings that have at least some tendency to bloom two or more times a year. These will form the basis for the world's most extensive breeding program to produce better and better Summer, Autumn and Winter Blooming bearded Iris. If you have, or know about, any seedlings (or any named varieties that I do not catalog) that bloom in the spring and then again before the next spring, please write me about them in full, giving colors, size of flower, parentage if known, height, and as much information as you have on blooming dates. I'll be delighted to send you some choice Iris in exchange for a rhizome or two of each of your twice-bloomers, and in this way your Iris will enter into this great breeding program. If your Iris has pollen and will set seed, it will help me if you mention that, too.

Summer, Autumn & Winter Bloom on TALL BEARDED IRIS

I am often asked by diligent breeders working for better Autumn Bloomers if there are not some Tall Bearded varieties that have strong tendencies for the twice-blooming habit, and which might prove highly useful in supplying genes for important colors or combinations not yet well represented in the true Autumn or Winter Bloomers. I have, therefore, compiled for you the following list of Tall Bearded Iris having this tendency. It is most marked in the varieties given in CAPITALS. The usual season for the second bloom follows the name. All of these will also have special garden appeal, because they are likely to give more bloom than ordinary varieties: Benton Olive, mid fall, page 11; BLUE VALLEY, summer, p. 12; Fairy Fancy, late fall, p. 13; FANTASY, late fall, p. 8; Fuchsia, late fall, p. 9; Only This, winter, p. 16; Pagan Princess, winter, p. 9; Pinnacle, fall, p. 16; Privateer, winter, p. 16; The Mad Hatter, fall, p. 18; Yacht Club, summer & fall, p. 18.

Verification of Value of Rainbow Germination Stimulant

(Offered on page 25 at \$1.00 per packet)

"I tried your Rainbow Germination stimulant in a carefully controlled test. For each treatment I sowed 19 seeds of my seedling Bereniece X Solid Mahogany on Oct. 23, 1956. (a) Control, no treatment gave 4 seedlings to date; (b) 1 hr. in Clorox, 1 teaspoon per gal., 6 seedlings; (c) 1 hr. in Clorox solution + 48 hrs. in Rainbow Stimulant, 16 seedlings; (d) 48 hrs. in Rainbow Stimulant, 13 seedlings. All this only verifies your own data, but I thought you might be interested. As a chemist I'm hard to convince, but this does it." Chandler W. Smith, Tucson, Arizona.

The WINTER BLOOMING Iris

For Mid-Winter and Spring Bloom in Mild Climates — World's Only Extensive Listing

WINTER-BLOOMING BEARDED Iris

Bloom in Spring and Again NOV. to FEB.

USES, BLOOMING SEASONS: Most useful for "Surprise Plantings" in mild climates; they burst into bloom most unexpectedly in mid-winter. Foliage is practically evergreen. In cold climates likely to bloom in early spring, with intermediates, materially lengthening your Tall Bearded blooming season. Try a few and see what you've been missing. In cold areas grow under glass for winter bloom.

CULTURE, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 7.

HARDINESS: Cold hardy except December Royalty needs mulching in cold regions.

AAHME (Craig '53) 36" A large, finely-formed clear orchid pink, like a winter-blooming Fuchsia. Beard coral-tangerine. Blooms in December or January and in Spring. Fertile pollen. [Hall 44-50 X (Peach Parfait sib. x Fantasy)] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

ALTA ROSA EE-48" Under favorable conditions will bloom for 4 months, Nov. to Feb. Rich rosy-lavender blended bronze. Large flowers..... Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c

ARCADIA BUTTERCUP (Milliken '47) E-30" See in color. Exquisite deep golden yellow self, with exceptional life and sparkle. In mild climates will be your pride and joy; will shower you with beautiful golden blossoms from midwinter on through regular Iris season. Try it for a profusion of Winter bloom. HM'48. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

BEL-AIR (Milliken '47) 30" Outstanding large ruffled clear violet blue on tall well-branched stems. The ruffling gives fascinating charm. . . Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

BLUE FLURRY (Brown '55) EM-40" Latest addition to my listing of Winter Bloomers. Flowers in Nov. or Dec. and again in Spring. A lovely light wistaria-blue with all the grace and charm of its illustrious seed-parent, Snow Flurry. A large ruffled broad-petaled Iris with white beard and throat. Tall, heavy, nicely branched stalks. Fragrant. Produces plenty of pollen, something unusual for a descendant of Snow Flurry. Should be useful in breeding Winter Bloomers in white or pink, as well as blue. [Snow Flurry X Hall pink sdg.] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

BLUE RIVER VE-36" Fragrant bright blue, blue beard. . . Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

CALIFORNIA PINK (Heller '48) E-45" Where climate is mild enough, as in southern California, will bloom 6 months out of every year. Long spring blooming period with additional later blooming to December, even January. A tall gorgeous light bright orchid pink, novel lilac-white beard. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

COLOR RIOT (Austin '56) EM-38" Indeed, a riot of contrasting colors, that catch everyone's attention in the spring, and again in November. Standards bright lilac rose. Falls deep purplish crimson, with a long and prominent orange-red beard. [Buffawn X Flora Zenor] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

DECEMBER ROYALTY (Austin '51) E-34" See in color. Starts its second bloom about Nov. 25 and often keeps blooming till Christmas, so you can have a huge Iris bouquet beside the Christmas tree. A large bold flower in brilliant royal purple, darkening to intense wine-black. Noteworthy for its poise, substance, finish and for its smooth satiny hafts unmarred by veinings. Sometimes 15 to 20 flowers; hence, ideally constituted to cut in bud stage before frosts get too severe, for almost unbelievable winter bouquets. Unexcelled as a parent, transmitting its admirable traits to its offspring. In cold regions needs protection, such as afforded by cold frames, to secure December blooms. . . Reg. \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

ORCHID AND FLAME (Craig '54) VE-45" Tom Craig's newest Winter Bloomer; reported to bloom almost all year in the mild climate of Berkeley, Calif. A pinkish-orchid with flame beard; stunning for winter bouquets to attract attention. Gets its great height from the towering Mt. Washington. Pollen plentiful. Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

PINK PINAFORE (Austin '52) EM-34" See in color. A charming pink plicata. Has delighted us by blooming in spring and again between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Standards light yellow, so completely flushed as to appear orchid-pink. Falls wavy, heavily stippled and lined orchid-pink, edged gold. Simply superb branching starting about 10". Probably the only Winter-blooming pink plicata. Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.97

RUSSIAN BRONZE (Milliken '46) VE-30" See in color. Dependable long-season winter bloomer. Where climate permits, blooms every week, late fall till spring. Golden tawny and deep maroon Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

SAN PASQUAL VE-36" Large, like famous Ranger. Bright yellow beard. Standards light carmine; falls rich, dark velvety carmine. Fragrant. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c

SPRINGTIME MADONNA (Milliken '49) VE-34" Symphony in cream & gold; loveliest of Winter Bloomers. If you live where winters are mild, likely to bloom in Dec., Jan., or Feb. A creamy-yellow; bright gold edge. . . Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.19

SUNSET PINK (Murray '55) M-44" Has the delightful habit, wherever winters permit, of starting its bloom in February and continuing thru March and all of April. Thus it is almost unbeatable for length of blooming season. A very pleasing clean rosy pink. Tall, nicely branched stalks with 15 or more buds. [(Spindrift x Inspiration) X Twilight Sky] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

TECHNICOLOR (Whiting '50) M-34" Nearest approach to spectrum red yet achieved. Glowing ruby-mahogany. Hardy. Free flowering in spring. About Nov. 15 nearly every rhizome shoots up for 2nd bloom. Pollen. HM'50;

RU AM'53 — [Garden Glory X Rocket] . . Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

TOURNAMENT QUEEN VE-36" Has color, size & form. Luscious bright fuchsia-toned. Stiff flaring falls spread 7". Fragrant. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

WINTER FLAME — See my feature offering above picture.

WINTER RAINBOW — BARGAIN No. 32 — Alta Rosa, Arcadia Buttercup, Color Riot, December Royalty, and Russian Bronze. all 5 for only \$4.95

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE SOME STOCK LIKE THIS? "The Winter Blooming varieties I ordered have been magnificent — really unbelievable. They have bloomed constantly for weeks — I find your Iris do better in this climate than any other. This has been the severest winter here in thirty years, yet I have not lost a single Rainbow Iris." Mrs. Thorne Strayer, Burton, Texas.

This new GUIDEBOOK presents Opportunities to SAVE such as you have never seen before! 35

Beardless—STYLOSAS or Unguicularis

For Bloom from OCTOBER to MARCH

USES and BLOOMING TIME: No other Iris is so indispensable in the garden, for these bloom from October to March, when there are so few other Iris or other flowers to gladden your heart. Foliage evergreen. Perfect for bright spots of color, and for cutting for winter decoration of the mantel and dining table. Different ones excel at different times, so get a number of color forms.

CULTURE and HARDINESS (in brief): Grows in any soil, preferably in sun, or only partial shade. Will bloom off and on all winter between snowstorms. But in very cold climates best grown in pots, a cold frame or greenhouse for abundant flowers.

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIME: Late summer & fall, but order NOW. Keep new plants moist and partly shaded till roots form and leaves start.

SALE PRICES ON CLUMPS: First price is the Regular Price for a standard single division. Since clumps establish easier & give abundant bloom much sooner, I'm making a Sale Price (available on any order of \$10 or more) on all clumps. These clumps will be equal to at least 3 single divisions, and are all priced (while they last) at 1½ times the single division price. They'll go fast at this rate, so order NOW for winter bloom.

BRIDAL PINK A real rarity I catalog after many requests. A light orchid pink, so clear and lovely it could fittingly be used in a bridal bouquet. Most charming stylosa I grow. Flowers massed above low foliage. Sometimes a dozen in bloom at once on clump only 5" across. Order early; certain to be sold out by fall at this new low price, just half of '56 price. Rhizomes small \$2.50; clump \$3.75

CEPHALONICA My first presentation of this husky form that I imported for you from England. No other Stylosa can compare with this in vigor of growth. Foliage very vigorous, leaves mostly a full 3' long, beautifully arching. Flowers very large, almost equaling those of LARGE FLOWERED, bright lilac-blue with yellow-orange signal, produced profusely. \$1.50; clump \$2.25

COMMON Familiar lilac-blue, with usual small flowers. \$1.00; clump \$1.50

GAY Sells so fast and is so scarce this is my first cataloging of this exclusive offering since 1952. Decidedly superior to the common form: (1) "Stems" longer and foliage lower, so flowers stand out well above it; (2) Blooms much more profusely; (3) A richer, deeper violet-blue. Ideal for rock gardens, low edgings. Showiest of all \$3.00; clump \$4.50

GRAECA Another imported variety offered for the first time, and quite distinct. Leaves slender, rather low, gray-green. Flower "stems" comparatively tall, bringing most of flowers above the foliage. A medium violet with slender graceful petals and a deep orange signal line. Rhizomes small \$1.50; clump \$2.25

LARGE FLOWERED An exclusive offering, heaviest seller of my Stylosas. Such a good grower I have been able to increase my stocks and bring my price down on this, too, at least for this year. Flowers often 5" across, nearly twice the size of the Common form. Bright lilac-blue, deep yellow signal. You'll be delighted with this improved variety. Stunning massed in flat dish for winter table decoration. \$2.00; clump \$3.00

MARbled Clear lavender, marbled in varying degrees with radiating lines of dark purple. The most unusual and orchid-like Stylosa in my collection. \$1.50; clump \$2.25

ORCHID STRIPED A beautiful and rarely-seen form, the most colorful of all. A soft lilac-pink, marbled and striped in bright orchid. Very few plants; order early. Rhizomes quite small. \$3.50; clump \$5.25

WHITE (Alba) Pure white with deep yellow signal, rare. \$2.00; clump \$3.00

STYLOSA SPECIAL: Cephalonica, White & Marbled. \$3.95; clumps \$5.95

FEATURE OFFERING in Winter-Blooming Bearded Iris

WINTER FLAME (Austin '53) E-32" Largest, finest red Winter bloomer available today. Persists in blooming each winter, often starting heavy bloom in early November, about 2 weeks ahead of Technicolor, and continuing until January. Then blooms again in the spring. Standards smooth light wine red; falls velvety crimson. Novel light buff edging. Heavily branched, with up to 20 buds and 5 flowers out at once on each stalk. Heavy seed-setter. [December Royalty X Self]. You get 3 for the Sale Price of one if you find the Secret Words. See page 20. Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$3.80

"I had Winter Flame in bloom on Xmas." Mrs. J. A. Attaway, Empire, Alabama

4 Large-Flowered Winter and Spring Bloomers, left to right: DECEMBER ROYALTY, ARCADIA BUTTERCUP, RUSSIAN BRONZE, PINK PINAFORE. All 4 for \$5.75





CLEMENTINA
A new conception
in Iris!
\$10.00



REAL GOLD →
The new Oncobred
that everyone
wants
\$3.50

Discover the Fascination of **ONCOBREDS** or Onco-Bearded Hybrids

The Appeal of the ONCO in Hybrids Grown As Easily As Bearded Iris

LARGEST COLLECTION IN EXISTENCE

CLEMENTINA (Austin '55) EM-34" The huge, heavily-marbled Oncobred that attracted attention of many visitors. As flower first opens it is often of nearly normal form, but within a day or two many of flowers flatten out so both standards and falls extend out nearly horizontally. These immense flowers sometimes have a spread up to 9 inches. The unique flat Iris blooms are ideal for use in a shallow container on dining table. Named CLEMENTINA because of striking resemblance to clematis blossoms. Color of this new giant is most appealing, a pale bluish lavender, heavily marbled deep amethyst. Either flat or in normal form the marbled coloring is so exquisite I had more requests for this before introduction than any other seedling. A very heavy bloomer, producing a mass of flowers. From a seed embryo-cultured for me by Dr. L. F. Randolph. All six petals have beards. In great demand for use as corsages, for which it is simply superb. Also much used as dining table centerpiece, in large flat dish.

Clementina was the most coveted of all at our great Iris Show at Weinstock-Lubin's in Sacramento. A splendid seed setter, producing good seed for me when crossed with Gatesii, Capitola, and Ib-Mac, True. [Snow Flurry X Capitola]. See Ektachrome above.

..... Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$9.50

CLEMENTINA and **REAL GOLD** are 2 of my 12 Announced Super Secret Varieties for 1958. As explained on page 20, you get 3 for the Sale Price of 1 if you find the Secret Words. An opportunity not to be passed up! Page 20 gives the names and locations of all 12 varieties available this way.

REAL GOLD (Austin '51) M-28" The nearest approach to real gold color (not yellow) yet attained in Iris. Standards glistening gold buff. Falls deep gold buff, enhanced by harmonizing soft brown veins and a golden bronze beard. Admired by our visitors. Has definite Onco characteristics and is quite unlike any other. Falls broad, quite flaring, up to 6" spread. A terrific increaser; you'll have a big clump with lots of bloom in short order. Yields good pollen and sets seed. 47 chromosomes. [Golden Majesty X Capitola]. See Ektachrome above Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$3.32

"I wish to take this opportunity to tell you that I am delighted with the wonderful Iris I purchased from you last year. They are the talk of the neighborhood, particularly Real Gold, which has been blooming for three weeks." Miss M. D. Bright, Baltimore, Md.

"We enjoyed the Los Angeles convention and especially your 'Real Gold.' Got some dandy pictures of 'Real Gold'." Wiley and Elizabeth Abshire, Edmond, Okla.

EXPERT OPINION: "I like Real Gold. It is much the best of the Onco hybrids that I have seen and I've seen about all of them." Geddes Douglas, Editor, Bulletin of American Iris Society, Nashville, Tenn.

"Your REAL GOLD is by far the finest and most attractive Onco-hybrid and one of the most unique and outstanding Iris of any kind that I've ever seen. It seems to be perfectly hardy and vigorous in this semi-Arctic, rough-on-Oncos section of New York State." D. E. Bailey, Oneonta, N. Y.

For APRIL-MAY-JUNE Bloom

ORIGIN and NOMENCLATURE: Diverse names have been used for this class of wonderful hybrids of Oncos with Bearded Iris, but Clarence White's apt term "Oncobreds" is simplest and best. They have been called Pogocyclus, Eupogocyclus and Oncopogans.

MOHRS: All of the large ever-increasing family of Mohrs belong in this category, as they all contain both Onco and Bearded blood, and are descendants of the original "William Mohr."

CHARACTERISTICS and USES: As compared with Tall Bearded Iris, these Oncobreds stand out as being highly distinctive and different. They have an amazing array of novel color patterns, some of which are just out of this world. Due to their Onco ancestry, many have broad rounded form surpassing even the newest and finest in Tall Bearded Iris. I have for years been predicting a RAINBOW OF ONCOBREDS. Now this is being unveiled before your eyes. Below are the world's most complete offerings in this line—not just the original purples and lavenders from a few breeders, but varieties from 32 hybridizers, distributed through 13 DISTINCT COLOR AND PATTERN

CLASSES. You should have at least one or two in each class to really understand what the new Oncobreds can do for your garden.

EXPRESSION OF ONCO CHARACTERS: Oncobreds vary greatly in the degree to which they exhibit externally the Onco that is in their genetic makeup. Some resemble true Oncos fairly closely, while in others there is no visible evidence of Onco characteristics. Yet the presence of an Onco in the genealogy should make them easier to cross with Arils, and with Oncobreds. The newer and finer Oncobreds are getting closer and closer to the alluring fascination of true Oncos, and are easier than Oncos to grow.

CULTURE and HARDINESS: The great majority of these have inherited the sturdiness of the Bearded Iris and can easily be grown as explained for Tall Bearded on page 6. A few are strongly Onco-like and are better handled a little more like Arils (page 26). Be extra careful to provide good drainage.

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Summer and fall, like Bearded Iris.

***ALTAMOHR** L-36" One of the tallest, best branched of the Mohrs. Flaring orchid-violet of large size. Heavily veined maroon. Fertile.... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

AMERICAN MODERN (Craig '51) E-38" A new Oncobred color pattern done in olive-ochre. Sometimes strangely flecked bluish green. Falls heavily washed and veined in red. A medley of color done in the modern manner. Tall, vigorous, and free flowering. Strange yet lovely. [Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot]... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

ANATOLIA (Craig '49) VE-30" The breeder of this, Tom Craig, states that it is the most Onco-like derivative of Wm. Mohr now in commerce. Color applied with much pattern in the Onco-cyclous manner. Pinkish red violet, slightly bicolor, with over-all veining and stippling on the falls, with a suggestion of signal patch at tip of beard. Has much promise as a parent. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) X Capitola]... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

BAMBOO (Craig '53) EM-36" A novel bitone with standards of golden buff. Falls similar but boldly veined in burgundy and maroon. Beard is very dark brown. Full Mohr-type flower. Pollen plentiful. [Gay Senorita X Capitola]... Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

BARRIMOHR M-36" Mulberry violet bitone, showing Onco influence. Lovely, ruffled flower with wonderful flaring form. Huge..... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

BEISAN AGA (White '54) M-28" One of the very finest existing approaches to black from the Onco side. A huge blend in dark grayish violet, heavily washed and streaked with black, with a black signal and brown beard. Style crests light maroon. Altogether a highly novel color combination and one that the visitors to Mr. White's garden fell in love with when it first flowered. It has been found to do well even in the damp climate of Seattle. Excellent form, greatly resembling a true Onco. Appears to have pollen as potent as the old standbys, Capitola, Ib-Mac, True, and Joppa Parrot... \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

***BLUE ABALONE** (Austin '55) EM to M-32" The wondrous varying colorings of an abalone shell in tones of blue. Standards pale lilac blue. Falls deep lilac blue, paler at edge, striking brown veins at haft beside the unusual heavy bright tangerine beard. [Elmohr X Abalone Shell] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

"Your Secret Variety game is fun and I study the catalog for days—not giving up until I have found every one. Your Premium gifts are wonderful and I thank you for those you have sent me. You are very generous!"—Miss N. D. Bright, Baltimore, Md.

BETHEL (Linse '54) M-37" Has some Onco on both sides of the parentage, but appearance is strictly Tall Bearded. Firmly held, nicely ruffled standards. Falls ruffled, flaring to nearly horizontal. A rosy tan self with a lustrous luminous quality. Beard orange, styles ruffled. A handsome Iris. Should make an excellent out-cross for Kleinsorge or DeForest browns. [Lady Mohr X (Ormohr x Matterhorn)]... **Reg. \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00**

BLUMOHR (Marx '49) L-36" A big blue from a different breeding line. From Wm. Mohr X Orloff in unveined **Plumbago blue**. From Tennessee comes report: "It is a perfect thing, in my way of thinking—the color of the *Cattleya orchid*." Blooms at midseason or later. Pollen abundant. **HM'49; AM'52** **Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.70**

BUTTERFLY WINGS (White '46) M-36" As captivating as wings of a tropical butterfly, veining from grandparent, Susiana. I picture a whole cluster, like a swarm of butterflies. Above, translucent lilac blue—below, rich parchment veined in mulberry, crimson and russet. Exotic charm of Oncos, on yard-high, well-branched stalks. May well be best seed-setter of Oncobreds. I have a wide array of seedlings including **OLIVE ORCHID** from Butterfly Wings X Chivalry. Jack Linse's **RED BUTTERFLY** is Butterfly Wings X Spellbound. **Now you try it.** Out-sold all other Oncobreds in its price class. Order NOW. Later will be just too late. **HM'47**—[(Pink Jadu x Susiana) X (Theme x Sacramento)]. **See Ektachrome**..... **Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c**

CERULEAN (Craig) E-M-40" A handsome new Iris with distinctive Mohr form. Flowers large and broad, done in a most interesting color—light greyed-cerulean blue. Remarkably tall for an Oncobred. [Purissima X Capitola]..... **Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00**

CHENIK AGA (White '54) 26" It is doubtful if any Iris ever created by Clarence White has been more coveted by those who have seen it than Chenik Aga. A giant flower with plenty of Onco characteristics, somewhat resembling Joppa Parrot, but wildly brilliant. This fabulous Iris, introduced in 1954, is already world-renowned. Done in cream-buff and golden-orange. The standards very heavily splashed with purplish-red and falls heavily splashed with blackish maroon, stiff and flaring, wide, broad at haft. Beard deep bronze, wide. Pollen very fertile and gave me several good sets in '56..... **Regularly \$35.00; Sale price \$23.33**

CONQUEST (Marx '52) E-30" Hailed as "blue Lady Mohr." Sought by all making collections of Mohrs. A giant Oncobred, wistaria blue standards, buff cream falls with dark bronze beard, soft lavender signal. Somewhat reminiscent of *Onco Gatesii*, in its ancestry. Early, vigorous, free blooming. Pollen available. [Snoqualmie X Capitola]..... **Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67**

Two Best Inexpensive Pollen Parents

CAPITOLA (Reinelt '40) VE-28" Most potent, useful Oncobred pollen parent known today. Among its many descendants: **LADY MOHR**, **REAL GOLD**, **MOHRNING DOVE**, **ORIENTAL MAGIC**, **WITCH DOCTOR**, **OZIE WATERS**, **MARY VALENTINE**. Also valuable as a garden subject. Colossal blooms of superb form in brilliant red-violet. Does not set seed; when it has pollen it is highly potent; should be tried on all the finer, newer Tall Bearded Iris. Better start NOW! At my new low price **CAPITOLA** is the one best buy for hybridizers in my entire catalog. Better get plenty. You'll want lots of pollen. **HM'47; AM'50**—[William Mohr X Ib Mac].... **Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c**

IB MAC, TRUE (Van Tubergen) EE-13" Two wholly different plants are sold as Ib-Mac. True form is a big globular flower, deep rosy violet, greatly resembling its offspring **Capitola**, but more striking. Has an intensely black signal patch and other Onco attributes. One of most potent Oncobred pollen parents. Beard, wide, Oncolike diffuse, brown. Leaves white-based, strongly sickle-shaped, in Onco fashion. Pollen abundant, highly fertile. Rhizomes small. [Iberica X Macrantha]..... **Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33**

For many other Oncobred Pollen and Seed Parents see Hybridizers Page, page 25.

COQUETRY (Schreiner '41) E-25" A winsome, delicate Onco-like flower with quaint ruffling. Standards cupped, white, flushed and finely veined in lilac. Falls light lilac pink, with silvery-white center and fine pink and maroon dots. Beard wide, Onco-like, bronze and maroon. Style crests prominent and decorative, pinkish buff. Comes from two famous Oncos, *Gatesii* and *Lortetii*, and Bearded Iris Midwest. One of few known tetraploid Oncobreds, with 48 chromosomes. So it should cross with most modern Tall Bearded and give you intriguing progeny. Rhizomes small..... **Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67**

CORONATION TAPESTRY (Craig '53) EM-38" A descendant of Joppa Parrot. As might be expected, it is strangely blended and veined. A bicolor involving lilac, brown, gold, coronation purple, rose maroon, hudson seal and even palmleaf green. Of special interest to lovers of the exotic in Iris and to breeders of Oncobreds and greens. **HM'55**—[Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot]..... **Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.97**

DAMASCUS BLADE (White '53) L-42" Strange, mysterious combination of steel-gray, mauve pink and brown, blended and fused. It is ¼ Onco and this is evident in its make-up and in blue blaze at end of beard. A good grower producing huge showy flowers on strong tall stalks. Unlike most Oncobreds, blooms late; will extend your blooming period materially. Tested in Illinois, New England and found fully hardy. Highly perfumed. [Involving Quaker Mischief]..... **Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$3.15**

DEEP BUTTERCUP (Muhlestein '48) E-26" An intensely bright yellow of large size. From Brown Betty X Golden Eagle, so has ¼ Onco blood. Sets seed; pollen is extremely fertile, especially on Oncobreds. Very fragrant. **HC'47**.... **Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c**

EASTERMOHR (Weidner '53) EM-40" This is the widely heralded new blue Oncobred from Mr. Weidner and was obtained directly from Wm. Mohr. Believed to be the bluest Oncobred to date, certainly it is one of the tallest and best branched. It is, indeed, remarkable what a great improvement in height and branching can be secured in a first generation cross with Wm. Mohr, when one is fortunate enough to get the seed to set. Flowers very large, ruffled, medium blue, with firmly domed standards and full semi-flaring falls. Fully hardy in the East. [Wm. Mohr X Easter Morn]..... **Reg. \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00**

EASTMONT (Plough '56) EML-40" A very new Oncobred that is big, bold and ruffly—very showy. It is an intense red-violet with brilliant coloring. Stalks tall, well branched. Very tall sword-like foliage which is quite an ornamental feature in any garden. [Snow Flurry X Capitola]..... **Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00**

ELMOHR (Loomis '42) ML-35" Imagine a Dykes winner, most popular of the Mohrs, for only a dollar. If you don't have ElmoHR you've been missing an annual thrill. An enormous Iris of perfect form, draped in Bishop's purple robes of regal splendor. **Dykes Medal '45**—[William Mohr X R Sdlg.]..... **Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c**

ENGRAVED (Craig '52) EM-38" A new type of Onco-plicata that is surprisingly effective. White ground with an over-all network of crisp steel engraving in pearly violet. A two year plant often makes a clump with as many as 14 tall bloomstalks. Greatly admired at the '54 A.I.S. convention in Salt Lake City and at the '56 convention in Southern California. Ought to be everywhere. Will be a feature in any garden. **HM'53**—[Mariposa Mia X Capitola]..... **Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$3.32**



BUTTERFLY WINGS—Colorful Oncobred—\$1.00

FANCY RHYTHM (Wells '55) E-M-36" A beautiful, smooth, shimmering violet, from two famous parents. Large Mohr-type flowers, with ruffling, a white signal patch, and a white beard. Three classically formed flowers usually open at once. What more could you ask? [Snow Flurry X Grace Mohr]..... **Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$4.25**

FANCYWORK (Craig '51) VE-40" Truly a novel flower, the new fancy plicata pattern combined with Mohr-type veining. In effect a burgundy self but intricately and delicately patterned with varying deeper tones of this color on the lighter ground. Typical Oncobred flower form combined with tall, vigorous stem characteristics of bearded Iris. Flaming mulberry leaf-bases add to the brilliant effect. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Sib] X Capitola]..... **Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67**

FOR SURE (Linse '53) EM-37" A descendant of the famous Lady Mohr. Beautifully done with standards of cream to creamy tan with a bright margining of ecru. Falls similar but washed with violet about the beard. Stems tall with 3 widely spaced branches. [Lady Mohr X Painted Desert]..... **Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67**

FRANCES CRAIG (Craig '52) VE-38" There have been many additions to the lovely blue Oncobreds in recent years, but here's one that tops them all for size, color and form. Tom Craig considers it the best, most beautiful Iris he has ever created. A huge flower in pearly lilac blue with immense round falls flaring out beautifully. Next to the top in the '55 Awards of Merit. [Snow Flurry X Capitola]. **Reg. \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33**

GOLD OF OPHIR (Austin '56) M-L-40" Named Gold of Ophir because its coloring and its profusion of bloom remind one of a tall hedge of old-fashioned Gold of Ophir roses, so loaded with rich golden flowers that hardly a leaf shows. Very definitely THIS is the Iris to plant for a wonderful mass of color in a short time. In two years each rhizome will yield a big clump of 8 to 12 tall flower stalks with about 60 flowers and buds. I know of no other Oncobred that can compete with this record. Individual flowers not large, but so plentiful, so colorful, everyone stands in admiration. Standards very deep yellow, falls bright yellow, heavily washed with reddish orange. When your neighbors see this they will all want a piece of it..... **Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37**

GOLD SMOKE (Clarke '52) 34" Additions to Rainbow of Oncobreds. Beautiful, unusual coloring—lustrous, smoky gold russet with a suffusion of soft lilac below broad brownish-tan beard. Large, perfectly proportioned flowers, with broad standards and falls. Tall, well-branched stalks. [Anita Catherine X Unknown]. **\$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33**

GREEN MOHR (Muhlestein '51) ML-40" A most surprising and appealing color. A silvery grey flushed with greenish yellow. Lavender flush in center of falls. An extra large flower of full Mohr form and with very definite Onco characteristics. Buds strongly olive green indicating large amount of green in make-up. Should be crossed with Lady Mohr and the best of the greenish Tall Bearded. Will set seed, has plentiful pollen. **HC'50; HM'52**—[William Mohr X Chosen]. **See life-like photograph**..... **Reg. \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33**

APPRAISAL: "Visitors were stopped 'dead in their tracks' by a magnificent display of new Onco hybrids including... Green Mohr, a huge chartreuse variety." Report in A.I.S. Bulletin, 128 on visit to Prof. Harrison's garden in Massachusetts.

"The increasing brigade of breeders of Onco-pogons will be doing their best to cross Green Mohr and Lady Mohr in a hunt for recessives!" H. S. Fothergill, 1951 British Iris Year Book.

"Everyone seemed to like Green Mohr." Larry A. Gaultier, A.I.S. Bulletin 131.

GREEN PHEASANT (Murray) VE-35" Here is a real novelty for the many who are now breeding for "greens." A stunning tan-brown with a heavy infusion of green. Standards closed, falls nicely flaring. A heavy increaser. Parentage not available, but Mr. Murray tells me that it is half Onco. Brilliant crimson leaf bases add materially to the colorful effect..... **Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00**

JABAL KARAK (White '55) E-30" A unique bicolor with greenish-white standards, pale lemon yellow falls and a primuline yellow beard. A dramatic signal patch in dahlia purple completes the unique color pattern..... **Regularly \$20.00; Sale price \$13.33**

JALLA EFFENDI (White '52) E-30" Standards buff yellow with delicate mahogany veins and sometimes a chartreuse tinge. Falls cinnamon yellow, flushed red and peppered in purple. Very wide heavy orange beard. An impressive Oncobred that is hardy and increases well..... **Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67**

JOPPA PARROT—The terrific 1957 demand has left me with insufficient stock to catalog Joppa Parrot this year. I suggest that you try instead its descendant **CORONATION TAPESTRY**; or try my new Oncogelias **PERSIAN BRONZE** (page 30), or **PERSIAN TWOTONE** (page 5).



GREEN MOHR — *Bewitching New Oncobred* — \$2.00

- KALIFA BALTIS** (White '55) VE-40" A richly patterned and elegant bitone. Standards light yellow buff. Falls golden olive buff, flushed red from haft and with small crimson signal at end of bronze beard. A real novelty, and the favorite of many of our visitors. Quite vigorous growing. Regularly \$25.00; Sale price **\$16.67**
- KALIFA FATIMA** (White '52) E-24" A colorful and almost unbelievable medley of gray, blue and purple with a pronounced, very dark Onco-like signal patch. Closest approach yet made in any Oncobred to the true and long-sought Onco form and flower coloring. Standards strongly arched, falls round, broad at haft in true Onco fashion. Beard very broad, Onco-like. Unlike many of the earlier Oncobreds, this is a **vigorous, easy-to-grow plant**, a fast increaser and is highly fertile, with abundant pollen. HM'52... **\$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33**
- KALIFA GULNARE** (White '55) E-44" A huge new amoena-variegata bicolor destined to be known as **one of Clarence White's greatest achievements**. Pale lavender standards, falls with dark crimson signal, golden-buff edge. Beard broad, bronze. Unlike many of White's earlier Oncobreds, **has fertile pollen**, also sets seed. **\$25.00; Sale price \$16.67**
- ★ **LABAN EFFENDI** (White '54) M-32" A new Clarence White Oncobred destined for great popularity with gardeners and flower arrangers. Standards softly colored like a Foxglove; falls Catawba, blended and veined on lighter ground, with **intense black signal**, like an Onco. The Judges loved it and called it "Sugar Plum" but the name was not available. A vigorous grower and prolific increaser. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**
- ★ **LADY MOHR** (Salbach '44) VE-36" Unsurpassed value, for Lady Mohr has been close to top of Irisdom. Standards oystershell white infused lavender. Falls bewitching sea-foam or chartreuse yellow. A tall giant; 6 buds to a stem. **Abundantly fertile**. HM'44; AM'46 — [Alta California x King Midas] X Capitola] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**
- LAUREL HILL** (Plough '49) L-30" Bright rosy lavender, Onco veining. Large, leathery substance, flaring. Good seed setter. [William Mohr X Old Home] **\$1.00; on \$10 order 95c**
- ★ **MADAM MOHR** (Betcher '51) M-40" Finest of ultra smooth lilac blue selfs. Mammoth broad-petaled flowers in beautiful Onco form. A real crowd-stopper. Stalks tall, branched. Easy to grow. [Morera x (Dauntless x Tropic Seas)] **\$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33**
- MAGIC LIGHT** (Austin '55) EM-30" A highly interesting new Oncogeliabred resulting from crossing the Oncogelia Theseus with pollen of the Tall Bearded Iris Pink Formal. Standards bewitching **silvery-pink, veined dark crimson**. Falls **silvery rose**, becoming misty crimson in the center, and darkening to a **blackish maroon signal** at end of the bronze beard. The dark crimson veining gives us the charm of Theseus in a hybrid readily grown right along with Bearded Iris Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**
- MAJNUN** (Baker '49) E-ML-36" A very large chrome-yellow self with orange beard. Lortetii is recorded as its pollen parent, but the flowers give no indication of Onco characters. Highly interesting, however, to try crossing this with various Oncobreds and with Lortetii itself. Hope to try this myself some time, but perhaps you will accomplish it before I do. Also try crossing with my new Oncogelias, **Persian Lace** and **Persian Bronze**. [Plicata sdlg. X Lortetii] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **95c**
- MASTER NEIL** (Jensen '52) E-M-36" Perhaps the first William Mohr seedling to show a definite plicata pattern. Cream ground color beautifully marked in pink and cinnamon brown. Has more Tall Bearded characteristics than any other direct descendant of William Mohr with which I am familiar. **Will set some seeds**, and with pollen from things like Capitola, Chenik Aga, Beisan Aga, Phoebus Apollo & Kalifa Fatima, may well prove a superb parent and yield distinctive, worthwhile offspring. Strong re-blooming tendency. [William Mohr X Stained Glass] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

- MARGARET CRUISE** (White '54) EM-33" A descendant of Gay Senorita that might well be termed the Oncobred version of this variety. Standards yellow. Falls **yellow, finely lined in red-brown, shading to green-brown** at edges. Blossoms fully 6" across, well spaced, often 3 open at once. Something quite different! [Gay Senorita and Onco blood] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.00**
- MARY VALENTINE** (Craig '52) 'EM-40" A giant pale Mohr hybrid characterized by Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City in these words "**The most beautiful light blue Iris I've ever seen**, surpassing all others in clarity of color, in size, form, color fastness and continuity of bloom." Extra tall, well branched stalks. HM'53 — [Purissima X Capitola] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$5.00**
- MOHR AFFAIR** (Walker '53) EM-33" A direct descendant of William Mohr, in rich wine color. A darker, richer Elmohr with same perfectly formed flowers. Stalks erect, well branched. Is a brilliant garden sight when used among the lighter shades of Iris. Hardy in the East. HM'53 — [Wm. Mohr X Golden Majesty] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.12**
- MOHR BEAUTY** (Milliken '49) LM-36" First yellow Oncobred with Onco form. A glistening, ruffled pale yellow with white signal. Cross with **intense yellow** and orange tones. Foliage like Tall Bearded. Easy to grow. HM'53 — [Elmohr X Y Sdlg.] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.12**
- MOHR COURAGEOUS** (Naylor '54) EM-40" A hardy Utah origination somewhat resembling the famous Elmohr. **Violet falls with an infusion of brown**, exceedingly flaring, almost horizontal, nicely waved. **Grows shoulder high** and has its tremendous flowers well spaced along the stalks. Should become a favorite. [Wm. Mohr X (Snow Flurry x Winter Carnival)] . . . Reg. **\$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00**
- ★ **MOHR ELEGANCE** (Austin '53) EM-32" Lovely coloring and **exceptionally elegant form**. A pale amethyst self with a light yellow beard. Standards strongly arched, very stiff and precise in styling. Falls also of heavy substance, quite flaring. Very clearly shows the Onco in its ancestry. [Snow Flurry X Capitola] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**
- MOHRESQUE** (Keith '50) M-40" Standards **light brown**, falls **yellowish buff** at edges, deepening to nearly chartreuse at hafts with purple flecking in falls. Presumably came from Doxa X Zwannenburg, but is ever so much larger and taller than either. Will set some seed. HM'52... **\$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42**
- ★ **MOHRLOFF** (Schirmer '49) M From the Oncobred ORMOHR X the plicata ORLOFF has come **MOHRLOFF**, effectively combining both names and flowers. Lavender sprinkled over a white ground. Sets seed easily and has abundant pollen. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**
- MOHR MAJESTY** (Walker '52) M-36" **One of the largest** of all Oncobreds, done in lovely chartreuse-buff with typical Onco veining in wine red. Petals extremely broad with standards magnificently domed in typical Onco fashion. A sensational flower and a great accomplishment for Mr. Walker, particularly since it comes from that great but difficult seed parent, William Mohr. HM'52 — [Wm. Mohr X Golden Majesty] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**
- MOHRNING DOVE** (Craig '53) E-32" **One of my favorites** from Tom Craig. A truly immense flower, curiously and **interestingly patterned**. Standards soft dove-grey; falls in yellow-green tones (Eucalyptus to Old Ivory), stippled and veined sandalwood. A beauty! [Mariposa Mia X Capitola] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$4.75**
- MOHR VELVET** (Muhlestein '52) ML-38" I present Mohr Velvet as something entirely different for use by both new and experienced hybridizers. Mohr Velvet is **fertile both ways**. Its pollen is the **most potent of any on Mohrs and other Oncobreds**. A large, well-tailored medium yellow, very velvety falls, a deep orange-yellow beard. A complete self without veins. Has wonderful blood for pinks and yellows. Its remarkable plush-like appearance. Better get started using this pollen! [(Elmohr x Hall Flaming Pink) X 45-41 D] ... Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.80**
- MOONCHILD** (Craig '55) M-24" Novelty and charm mark this delightful amethyst-grey Border Iris. Has exceptional garden value, as it is vigorous, floriferous and prolific of increase. From its Onco blood comes its **full form, delicate pastel greys** and blended mulberry signal, which, combined with a wiry stem, makes it tops for arrangements. [Moongoddess X lb Mac] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order **\$5.70**
- NEW LOOK** (Johnson '52) M-ML-34" **One of the finest red Oncobreds**. Standards heavily substandard, deep wine-red, strangely upright. **Yellow style arms, nearly twice as large as in ordinary bearded Iris**. From Onco ancestry comes wonderfully exquisite tracery of veins and dots. Falls quite flaring, heavily substandard, very velvety, crimson-red, veined in dark red. Beard broad, golden brown. [William Mohr X probably Bruno] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.80**
- ★ **NIGHT MOTH** (Craig '50) E-38" A much sought combination — flowers strongly marked in characteristic Onco fashion, yet produced on tall stalks from vigorous plants of easy culture. Pale wistaria, heavily veined and stippled at haft and throat; small deep violet signal accent at tip of beard. Sets seed. [Advance Guard x Mitchell 2021] X Jumna] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**
- NOMOHR** (Gibson '55) EML-38" A rich bamboo-cream that is close to the top of all Oncobreds in size, ruffling and color appeal. Undoubtedly the **heaviest ruffled** of all Oncobreds, and with a **very heavy substance** that definitely holds the ruffling in place. Falls strongly flaring, **spreading out to 7"**. Prominent white blaze at end of yellow beard. Certainly among the finest of all Oncobreds, and one that you cannot afford to be without. Note the awards and you will see that the judges have found and recognized this beauty. Fertile both ways. HM'56, JC'57 — [Snow Flurry X Elmohr] . . . **\$10.00; on \$10 order \$7.50**
- OLIVE ORCHID** (Austin '56) L-40" Most "**unusual**" Oncobred I ever bloomed! First, coloring is unusual. Has an almost believe-it-or-not combination of hafts prominently marked with **broad olive veins on petals of pale lilac-blue**. Resembles Blue Parakeet, but the olive is more pronounced. Second, it is **40 inches tall**, with excellent branching, characteristics seldom associated with Oncobreds. Usually 3 long branches, one short one, the lowest being rebranched. Finally, unlike most Oncobreds, it blooms late. Good pollen. [Butterfly Wings X Chivalry] Regularly \$6.00; on \$10 order **\$5.70**
- OYEZ** (White '38) E-28" A jewel-like Oncobred. Imagine rounded pinkish white standards, etched with veins of dark rose; falls horizontally flaring, pinkish cream, veined in blackish maroon, culminating in a signal. Standards open, exposing chestnut brown styles. Order early. AM'41 Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order **\$1.12**
- PARACHUTE #2** (Loomis '52) M-35" Heavy substandard, with distinctly Mohr form. At first, pale lavender, marbled deeper lavender, gradually lightens to almost pure white. Ruffled, crumpled in attractive manner. [William Mohr X Spanish Peaks] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **95c**
- PEG DABAGH** EE-40" Sensational blue. Introduced at \$35... **75c; on \$10 order 50c**
- PERSIAN PATTERN** — Has strong everblooming tendencies. See Autumn Bloomers.

Ever try your luck in the famous English Derby Sweepstakes? I have a better version, my "Iris Lovers' Sweepstakes," open without cost to all whose order payment is \$7.50 or more. See page 2.

✱ **PERSIAN MOHR** (Austin '53) EM-33" An Oncobred from Golden Majesty X Capitola with texture and form clearly showing its Onco ancestry. Standards large and very round, silvery violet. Falls, dark mulberry with a rug-like texture and interesting pattern of intricate brown markings. Beard golden bronze. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

PHOEBUS APOLLO (White '54) EM-36" A sensational, breath-taking new beauty widely acclaimed as a high contender for best yellow Iris. Received 77 votes in A.I.S. '56 Judges Choice balloting. Unquestionably among the elite Iris of today. While it contains some Onco blood, characteristics are chiefly those of Tall Bearded. A rich deep wax-yellow self. Remarkable substance. Falls very flaring, beautifully waved. Splendid 3-way-and-terminal branching. Richly fragrant. Best of all, has potent pollen, sets seed. HM'55. Regularly \$18.00; Sale Price \$12.00

PHOSPHORESCENT (Craig '51) E-36" An unusual descendant of Joppa Parrot. It is fertile both ways. A blend of Naples yellow and golden ochre with hafts of madder brown. A lustrous lavender flush radiates over the falls. Well named. [Gay Senorita X Joppa Parrot] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

PINK MOHR (Austin '56) M to L-24" The pinkest Oncobred to date with real Mohr form and definite Onco characteristics. Imagine a large flower, much like Elmohr, but bright orchid-pink instead of purple. Even "mohr" Onco-like than Elmohr, as it has 1/2-inch soft rosy mulberry signal at end of beard. Resembles Present, but is very much pinker, brighter. Stiff, nearly horizontal falls sometimes spreading out as much as 7". Beard bronzy-yellow. If this were tall, well branched, it would be well worth a high introductory price, but as it is about 2 ft. high I am making it available at a very modest price for such a beauty. [Cherie X Capitola]... \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

Best Inexpensive PINK Oncobred

PRESENT (White '41) VE-32" Like a triumphant queen, tall, breathtaking, retaining the exotic Onco charm. Alluring amethyst-pink, embroidered like handiwork of the East with fine tracery of deep pink veins, set off by a blackish rose beauty spot. AM'49 - [Onco X Bearded] Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.19

PURISSAMOHR (Weidner '52) ML-40" Acclaimed as sensational. Pure white of faultless classic form. Large, very heavy substantiated with closed domed standards, very broad, flaring falls. Delightfully ruffled. Stalks with three branches and terminal, 8 to 10 flowers. Superb blood for breeding. Sets seed. Pollen abundant. Hardy. Sweet fragrance. HM'52 - [William Mohr X Purissima x Easter Morn] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.97

SESPE (Walker '52) M-54" Not exceeded in vigor by any other Oncobred. At the A.I.S. convention in 1956 I saw this growing in originator Walker's garden beside an Orange tree laden with golden fruit, and with Sespe reaching up to a height of 6 feet. A graceful greenish-yellow with nicely flaring falls, excellent substance. HC'49 - [Brown Betty X Fort Knox] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.27

SHORT SONG (Peterson '54) ML-30" Delightful, very large heavy-substantiated smoothly finished light lavender-blue self with a pale yellow beard. A very pleasing color harmony. Vigorous, hardy and of easy growth. Just right near front of border. [Ormohr X Happy Days x Depute Nombot] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

SIKHMohr (Weidner '53) M-36" The finest red Oncobred to be introduced since New Look. A stunning bright showy rosy-red Mohr of exceptionally heavy substance with a wonderful depth of color. Strangely, the foliage and rhizomes resemble William Mohr, yet stalks are sturdy, yard high and 3-way branched, which is remarkable for a direct William Mohr descendant. Don't pass up this one if you want one of the latest and most beautiful members of the far flung Mohr family. Will be sought by every hybridizer. [Wm. Mohr X Dauntless x Sikh] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33

SLICK CHICK (Linse '54) ML-36" The much heralded snow white baby of Lady Mohr by Jack Linse. He considers it the most significant thing he has developed, one every serious breeder of the Mohr family will need. It is pure white with a greenish mid-rib. Beard white. Pollen plentiful, fertile - as fertile as that of Capitola. Also sets seed so its great significance may prove to be as a breeder and as the fertile key that will open the door to countless new and lovely things. Be among the first to try it. [Lady Mohr X Snoqualmie] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

✱ **VALGANZA** (Brenan '53) M-38" A great grandchild of an Onco, this color charmer is the new type variegata with yellow standards, red-purple falls. Good seed setter in my crosses. Great breeding possibilities for amoenas and neglectas. [Extravaganza X Val] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

VIVEZA (White '54) EM-38" Viveza and Valganza represent my first offerings in a new color pattern for Oncobreds, namely the variegatas. Viveza has the very uncommon Oncobred color pattern of standards in a blend of maize and straw-yellow with mahogany-red falls and an orange beard. A brilliant garden subject on tall stalks with 4-way branching. About 1/4 Onco. No pollen but is an excellent seed parent. HC... \$3; on \$10 order \$2

WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT (Mohr-Mitchell) EM-27" William Mohr is the famous original from which all other Mohrs have descended. Theoretically, all William Mohrs should be alike, but this strain is more vigorous and healthy than that commonly grown. Flowers larger, 5 1/2" x 6", on stalks 26" to 28" tall, much above common form. So our visitors insist on getting this special strain. Also, this occasionally produces an abundance of fertile pollen, something I have never seen on the ordinary form; thus preferred by hybridizers. A huge bright lavender, with a network of red-violet. Fine direct descendants of Wm. Mohr are becoming quite numerous, and include Altamohr, Blumohr, Capitola, Eastermohr, Elmohr, Green Mohr, Laurel Hill, Mohr Majesty, New Look, Parachute No. 2 and Purissamohr. I first offered this strain in '51, and was sold out by late summer. Demand greatly exceeds limited supply of this special strain, so order early. [Parisiana X Gatesii] See in full color... Regularly \$2.25; on \$10 order \$1.50

CUSTOMER'S REACTION: "WM. MOHR, GIANT has brought many Oh's and Ah's from our neighbors." L. Hoffman, Davis, Calif.

WITCH DOCTOR (Plough '55) E to L-28" A new giant that will be an eye-stopper in any garden for it is like an improved Conquest. Standards blue-lavender with buffy-tan midrib. Falls from center down are grayed-blue-lavender with buffy-tan haft and heart. Beard yellow, blue at tip. Starts early and blooms for a long season. HM'56; JC'57 - [W-1 Cream Sdlg. X Capitola] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order \$5.00

✱ **ZEULON** VL-36" Huge, veined lilac rose & purplish crimson. Fertile. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c



WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT — Amazing — Only \$2.25

Thrifty ONCOBRED Collections

MY FAVORITE ONCOBREDs — BARGAIN NO. 25 — Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in the interesting Oncobreds for \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$25.00, as you prefer.

COLOR PLATE COLLECTION — BARGAIN NO. 26 — Butterfly Wings, Green Mohr, Real Gold & Wm. Mohr Giant for only \$5.95; these 4 plus Clementina, only \$12.95

THE NEWER MOHRs — BARGAIN NO. 27 — Any 4 of these 6 for only \$5.33: Blumohr, Green Mohr, Madam Mohr, Mohr Majesty, Mohr Velvet, New Look; all 6 for \$7.72

STILL NEWER MOHRs — BARGAIN NO. 28 — Any 3 of these 7 for only \$6.95: Fancy Rhythm, For Sure, Frances Craig, Pink Marble, Purissamohr, Short Song, Slick Chick. Any 5 for \$10.95; all 7 for \$14.95

NEWEST MOHRs — BARGAIN NO. 29 — Any 2 of these 6 for only \$9.85: Eastermohr, Eastmont, Mary Valentine, Mohr Courageous, Pink Mohr, Witch Doctor. Any 3 for \$14.25; all 6 for \$27.95

RAINBOW BEAUTIES — BARGAIN NO. 30 — Any 5 of these 10 for only \$5.50: Blue Abalone, Laban Effendi, Gold Smoke, Madam Mohr, Mohr Affair, Mohr Beauty, Mohr Elegance, Night Moth, Persian Mohr, Valganza. Any 7 for \$7.50; all 10 for \$10.50

BEGINNER'S RAINBOW — BARGAIN NO. 31 — Any 5 of these 8 for only \$3.35: Altamohr, Barrimohr, Elmohr, Flurry Mohr, Lady Mohr, Mohrloff, Peg Dabagh, Zeulon. All 8 for only \$4.95

See page 25 for Listings of
My Recommendations of the Best Oncobred Pollen and Seed Parents.

IT PAYS TO BUY YOUR ONCOBREDs AND OTHER IRIS FROM A SPECIALIST

"My order of Oncobreds arrived today in excellent condition. Your collection price was most generous to start with, and to open my box and find such beautiful, healthy rhizomes was pure delight. I have them planted and I'm sure they'll give me years of enjoyment." Mrs. Robert Pollard, Kearns, Utah.

NATURE IS VARIABLE

Mother Nature is very variable and Iris varieties differ greatly in the way the rhizomes grow. Some become huge, some large, some only medium. Also, rhizomes increase in size all summer, so in July they will not be as large as in September. The Dwarfs obviously are tiny and always have small rhizomes. Likewise certain of the Intermediate, Border and Table Iris, and the lower-growing Autumn Bloomers, Oncobreds and Regeliabreds naturally produce fairly small rhizomes. I always send you first class rhizomes that are large and husky considering the type of Iris and the time when sent.

To Greatly Extend Your Iris Blooming Season UNUSUAL BEARDED IRIS

The Hardy DWARFS, LILLIPUTS, INTERMEDIATES, BORDER, TABLE IRIS and REGELIABREDS
CULTURE, SHIPPING AND PLANTING TIMES for all 6 types: Same as for Tall Bearded, page 7. See also Autumns, Winters & Oncobreds.

Use The DWARFS To Begin Your Iris Season For FEB-MARCH-APRIL Bloom

USES: Low edgings, rock gardens and window boxes or pots. Rhizomes small.

BLOOMING TIMES: If you would like to be surprised and delighted each and every spring, then by all means plant some Dwarfs. Unlike other Iris, they awake from their winter slumbers with the first inking of spring warmth. Some morning, before you are expecting them, there they'll be, blooming away when winter has hardly left. From then on the "Iris fever" develops rapidly, and is soon at high pitch.

- ✱ **ABLAZE** (Welch '56) EE-5" Tiny variegata, ablaze with color. Standards yellow, falls maroon-red, bordered yellow. Orange beard. HM'56; Dwarf Award of Special Merit '56 - [(TB pink x Nana) X yellow pumila]... Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67
- ✱ **AZUREA** EE-6" Truly delightful. A fairly large dwarf, close to sky blue. Falls prettily veined in lilac; beard white. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c
- ✱ **BLAZON** (Welch '52) EE-7" A true masterpiece. Deepest maroon self. Brilliant gold beard with spur and gold embroidery stitching radiating from beard. Fragrant, fertile. HM'52; Caparne Award '55 - [(Purple Beauty x Burchfield) x Biflora) X Self] - Dwarf Society Medal '56. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c
- ✱ **BLUE BAND** (Cook '50) EE-6" Among bluest dwarfs on market today. Neat little blue bitone with oval standards, erect, light blue; falls violet blue, with white beard. Pollen produced profusely - HM'52 - [(Yellow Chamaeiris X blue Pumila)]. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.15
- ✱ **BURCHFIELD** EE-7" My favorite. Heavy bloomer of intense yellow, almost orange. Can't be beat for a low carpet of brilliant color, either in rock garden or as edging. Also tops for breeders. Best known variety for working toward a true orange dwarf. When crossed with violet dwarfs, gives blackish shades. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c
- ✱ **BUSTER BROWN** (Zickler '54) E-8" One of two new browns, first of this color in Dwarfs. A bitone. Standards maple sugar brown, falls dark reddish brown. A heavy bloomer, blooming for a long time. HM'55 - [Tony X Arenaria]... Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

True PUMILAS for Hybridizers

You may have all 3 for only \$3.95

Here, assembled for your convenience, are 3 forms of PUMILA, the True Miniatures in Dwarf Iris. Not only are these sought by every breeder of Dwarfs, but in addition they are highly useful as pollen parents for crossing with various Tall Bearded varieties to get your own fascinating NEW Lilliput hybrids, like those produced by Paul Cook and Geddes Douglas. See next page.

- ✱ **CARPATHIA** (Schreiner) EE-4" A real midget, 4" high. Standards clear light yellow, crinkled. Falls olive yellow, edged light yellow. Beard particularly interesting, outer part clear cream; inner part deepest orange. Exceedingly floriferous. A boon to every hybridizer. Scarce. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33
- ✱ **CRETICA** EE-4" A tiny bright pink mauve, lilac beard. Produces blends in purplish to pinkish tones. Pollen blue, plentiful. Reg. \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33
- ✱ **SULINA** EE-4" A midget, only 4" high. A deep violet-blue self with a blackish violet area like a black signal around lilac-blue beard. Even the pollen is blue. A collector's item for any Dwarf hybridizer. Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

CHERRY SPOT (Welch '56) EE-7" Bright bicolor. Pure white standards, falls white edged, large cherry-red center. HM'56; Dwarf Award of Special Merit '56 - [(G-504 x G-509) X (Cook 1546 x Carpathia)]... Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

✱ **FIOR DEL MONDO** (Hillson) E-11" A striking variegata in a novel pattern. Standards sulphur yellow. Falls ochre yellow, with strong variable markings in dark red. Orange beard. Popular. [Hill Sdlg. X Yellow Frills]... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

GAY LASSIE (Welch '56) EE-7" First "little Pinnacle" in Dwarfs. White standards, yellow falls bordered white. White beard. [(G-504 x G-509) X (Cook 1546 x Carpathia)]... Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

✱ **HEATHERBLOOM** EE-6" Largest red Dwarf. A striking Hydrangea red with domed standards, dark velvety falls. Draws visitors with attraction of the unusual. Pollen abundant. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

LAVENDER DAWN (Welch '53) E-5" Lilac with a lavender beard. Throws 2 to 3 buds from each stalk. Very long blooming season. Foliage sickle shaped, heavy, low, spreading, making excellent ground cover. Leaves bright blue-green, evergreen well into November. [Balkana X I. Mellita]... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 90c

LITTLE MOHEE (Grapes '54) EE-5" A new and delightful blended brown bitone. Standards light brown, falls chestnut brown with narrow border of yellow. HM'54; Dwarf Award of Special Merit '56 - [Orange Queen X Pumila]... Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

MIST O' PINK EE-9" A much-sought pink Dwarf. Bright rose-pink color, neat wide-extended falls. Beard yellow. [Rosemist X Arenaria]... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

The New, Much-Sought GREENISH Dwarfs

You may have the first 4 for only \$3.95; all 7 for only \$9.95
BLARNEY (Welch '50) E-5" Standards white with faint lilac veins. Falls pale olive green, heavily washed in soft dark lavender. Beard prominent, nearly white. A "must" for all working toward green Iris. [(Fiancee x Fairy) X Cook 1546]... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 90c

✱ **DIRTY FACE** (Welch '55) VE-6" Dainty spinach to chartreuse green self. Well formed flowers, very appealing. [Sister to Dream Child]... \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1

GREEN PETALS (Welch '55) EE-7" New bitone in 2 tones of green. Standards pale creamy-green, falls darker green. Beard white, tipped yellow. Pleasingly fragrant. [(Fairy x Fiancee) X Pumila]... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

✱ **WHITONE** (Welch '53) E-7" A new near-white that Walter Welch says is superior to all existing whites for display and breeding. Standards white, falls with infusion of chartreuse yellow. Beard white. Pollen plentiful. [Elegance X (Fiancee x Fairy)]... Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

DREAM CHILD (Welch '55) E-7" This is one you must see to believe. Blue-white standards and greenish yellow falls with lilac-blue beard. New, stunning. HM'56; Dwarf Award of Special Merit '56... Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

✱ **GREEN HALO** (Greenlee '55) E-14" Interesting light olive-green, deeper green halo on flaring falls. Well shaped flowers. Fertile. [(10942 x Pumila) X (Blue Shimmer x Carpathia)]... Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

SNOW FAIRY (Robinson '54) VE-6" A miniature with standards icy blue-white, falls greenish white. Profuse pollen. [April Morn X Pumila]... Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.75

✱ **LITTLE VILLAIN** (Welch '54) EE-6" Visualize a pure white beard on a dark black-violet, no haft markings. Domed standards, horizontal falls. A real eye-catcher! Won the '56 Dwarf Award of Special Merit. [(San Francisco x pumila) x chamaeiris) X sister]... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

✱ **MOON GLEAM** EE-7" Large light sulphur yellow set off by a deep yellow beard. One of a new race of superior Dwarfs. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c

NIOBE E-7" The only inexpensive "darkie" that might be classed as "black" - actually a dark smoky violet with a white beard dipped in lemon. Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 71c

ORANGE GLINT (Welch '53) EE-7" A Chamaeiris variety of deep orange-yellow - the deepest yellow in dwarfs. Beard orange. Excellent parent for yellow and other colors. Scarce. HM'53 - [(Sonny x Burchfield) X sister]... Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

✱ **PROMISE** (Cook '52) 4" The finest pink dwarf I have seen. Really has promise! A pearly mauve pink, with stiffly flaring wide horizontal falls that give it great distinction. HM'52 - [Arenaria hybrid]... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

RED GEM (Welch '56) E-7" The very first red in the superior new race of Dwarfs bred by Walter Welch. A crimson bitone, velvety falls, lilac beard. Acclaimed as outstanding. HM'56. Dwarf Award of Special Merit '56... Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

✱ **ROSE BLUSH** (Marx '51) EE-5" Perhaps the largest-flowered real Dwarf. Petals sometimes reach spread of 5 inches. A smooth, delightful pinkish lavender self with spreading falls. Prominent white beard. Often re-blooms in fall. Reg. \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

✱ **VERI-GAY** (Welch '54) VE-6" Tiny, bright true variegata, much brighter than Primus. Standards bright yellow, falls reddish, yellow border. Beard orange. [(Yellow chamaeiris x Sass Dark Ruby) x Cook 1546) X ((San Francisco x pumila) x chamaeiris)] Caparne Award '56; Dwarf Blue Ribbon Award '56... Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

Varied DWARF Collections

MY FAVORITE DWARFS - BARGAIN NO. 35 - Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in the precious little Dwarfs for \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$25.00, as you prefer.

FANCIER'S DE LUXE COLOR GEMS - BARGAIN NO. 36 - Any 3 of these 4 for only \$3.95: Ablaze, Little Mohee, Sulina, Veri-Gay. Or, all 4 for only \$5.75

BEGINNER'S RAINBOW RIOT - BARGAIN NO. 37 - Any 5 of these 6 for only \$3.25: Buster Brown, Fior del Mondo, Heatherbloom, Little Villain, Moon Gleam, Rose Blush. Or, all 6 for \$3.75

PERMANENT LABELS

Immensely popular permanent ENGRAV-A-LABELS, in beautiful dark green on which you can make clear, white lettering with metal-pointed stylus supplied with the labels. Long-lasting copper wires are also supplied. Ideal for your new and old Iris; also for roses, perennials, shrubs, fruit trees, etc. Priced postpaid at \$2.50 per package of 100 3 packages for \$6.95

MOON GLEAM — 75c

SULINA — \$2.00

FIOR DEL MONDO — \$1.00

AZUREA — 75c

All
4 of
these
Dwarfs
for only
\$2.95



The Earliest of Medians — **LILLIPUT HYBRIDS**

For MARCH-APRIL-MAY Bloom

ORIGIN and HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES: A brand new type of Iris that makes multiple bloom stalks, giving a heavy, long blooming season. Recently created by Geddes Douglas and Paul Cook by applying pollen of the true PUMILA dwarfs (see blue box on opposite page) to various varieties of Tall Bearded Iris. Field is hardly touched yet; you can quickly produce some interesting new colors in Lilliput Hybrids. Color range so far is quite limited.

- BARIA** (Cook '51) E-10" Lovely light yellow with spreading falls. Stems quite regularly 2-forked. Makes a mass of lovely bloom for a long time just after most of the dwarfs. HM'51 — [Cook sdlg. 10982 X yellow pumila] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c
- FAIRY FLAX** (Cook '51) EE-11" A beautifully formed clear flax blue, with white beard. Spreads like magic, and will give you a mass of color in short order. HM'51 — [Cook 10942 X Blue pumila] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c
- ***GARNET TREASURE** (Douglas '53) E to M-8" Finest red Lilliput, very useful as it makes a carpet of blooms above foliage. Standards wine-red. Falls flaring, deep garnet, neatly bordered to match standards. Three flowers to the stem. Very showy. [Minnie Colquitt X pumila violet] Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order 83c
- GREEN SPOT** (Cook '51) E-12" A color break for your special attention. Imagine a trim pure white with horizontal falls having a half-inch patch of almost unbelievable bright medium green at end of beard. Holds possibilities for breeders. HM'51 — [Cook TB No. 10942 X Yellow Pumila] Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order 95c
- PIGMY GOLD** (Douglas '53) VE to E-12" Brilliant yellow self. Falls flaring, velvety. Begins with first Dwarfs, lasts until Tall Bearded Iris are out. First stalks 5" high; later reach 12 inches. Very fragrant. [Orange Glow X pumila yellow] Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 90c
- ***TINKERBELL** (Douglas '54) E-12" Neat flaring blue, deeper blue spot in center of falls. Ruffled, lovely. [Helen McGregor X pumila, blue] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order \$1.33

Next Come **The INTERMEDIATES**

For APRIL-MAY Bloom

USES: Plant just in back of your edging of dwarfs. Also very useful in small gardens and special nooks where the big Tall Bearded Iris might seem out of place.

BLOOMING TIME: These fill the gap in blooming season between the early Dwarfs and Lilliputs and the Tall Bearded.

- DOXA** VE-20" Standards pale cream veined green. Fine for arrangements. Falls silvery white, flushed greenish yellow, haft veined soft brown. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 60c
- ***RUBY GLOW** VE-22" Velvety ruby-red, orange beard. Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 50c
- SNOW MAIDEN** VE-12" Pure White, very fragrant. Reg. 75c; on \$10 order 60c
- ***ST. OSYTH** (Meyer) VE-26" A pale, duck-egg blue self — one of the most beautiful blue Intermediates in cultivation. Pollen very potent for hybridizers. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c

Still Later **The Useful BORDER IRIS**

For MAY-JUNE Bloom

USES and BLOOMING TIME: Border Iris resemble Tall Bearded and bloom at the same time, but are shorter—under 30" in height. Thus they are used very extensively in front of Tall Bearded to supply the needed graduation in height from path to tallest varieties at back. Also ideally adapted to small, personal gardens, special nooks. On elevated terraces their low stature prevents their flowers from coming at too high a level.

- CHERRY FALLS** (Douglas '53) ML-24" Aglow with life and fire. Bright yellow standards, erect, firm. Brilliant velvety cherry-red falls give a dash and radiance. Hard to beat for edgings and low clumps for accent. Pollen abundant. HM'53 — [(Extravaganza X Pail-lisse) X (Extravaganza X Wabash)] Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$3.00
- ***COPPER ORANGE** (Salbach '41) M-20" Standards intense coppery orange; falls approaching scarlet. My most vivid Iris for so modest a price. 75c; on \$10 order 50c
- GOLD INTENSITY** (Austin '54) EM-22" Standards intense yellow. Falls very deep orange yellow; orange beard. A heavy bloomer, often with 3 blooms out at once. Plenty of pollen. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c
- ORANGE TWOTONE** (Austin '53) EM-24" Standards deep yellow. Falls bright reddish-orange, with a bright yellow edging. Beard bright yellow. Pollen abundant. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42
- PINK RUFFLES** M-27" Exquisite lilac-pink, heavily ruffled. 75c; on \$10 order 50c
- RAJAH** (Smith '44) EM-20" Bright yellow standards. Falls deep red, with brilliant crimson flush. Large, nicely rounded flowers. Well branched, heavy bloomer. [Cadetou X Marvellous]. In life-like color. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00
- ROSE PEARL** E to M-28" My personal favorite. Standards opalescent ivory pink; falls deep rose, gilded gold. Long blooming period. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 71c
- SULTAN'S ARMOUR** (Edmison '54) M-24" Finest border Iris available today and the only brown. A rich, brilliant brown, free of haft markings and with stiff, horizontal falls, 2" broad at hafts. No other low growing Bearded Iris will do as much for your garden. Try mixed in with Flamingo pinks. [Armour Bright X Sultan's Robe] ... \$6; on \$10 order \$5.70

You Need **TABLE IRIS** For Arrangements

For MAY-JUNE Bloom

USES and BLOOMING TIME: A distinct and especially useful type of Iris, resembling the Border Iris, and blooming late with them. But here the ideal is small flowers, gracefully arranged on slender stems and with narrow foliage. Hence much better adapted to table decoration and picturesque arrangements than most Bearded Iris.

Finest of All TABLE IRIS

LODESTAR (Hall) M-24" An eye-catching variegata. Standards bright yellow; falls dark scarlet, edged yellow. Possesses a brightness and clarity of color and a contrast hardly equaled anywhere in the Iris world. My personal favorite of all Table Iris and one I eagerly await each spring. You'll do the same! A very heavy bloomer. Tends to sell out every time I catalog it, so it may not be available next year. [Gajus x ...] X Iris King] — AM. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42

- NAMBE** M-21" Produces a blue and gold effect. Standards golden Empire yellow; falls Hortense violet blended to a margin of Empire yellow. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c
- PRECIOUS GEM** (Nelson '50) M-24" Lovely rose plicata with white ground and a stitching and stippling of mulberry rose. One you will fall in love with. Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order 94c
- ***PRECIOUS JEWEL** (Nelson '50) M-34" Dainty-stemmed violet-red bitone, falls darker than standards. Petals edged brown. Distinctive. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 50c
- WIDGET** 24" Here is a whimsical baby white plicata, so naive you will adore it. Imagine its usefulness in arrangements. Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 56c



RAJAH — A real eye-catcher — Only \$1.50

MY FAVORITE MEDIAN IRIS — BARGAIN NO. 33 — Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in the Lilliputs, Intermediates, Border and Table Iris for \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$25.00, as you prefer.

MEDIAN RAINBOW — BARGAIN NO. 34 — Garnet Treasure, Snow Maiden, Rajah, Precious Gem, all 4 for only \$2.95

Quaint **REGELIABREDS** — For Charm

Most complete assemblage in any Catalog

For APRIL-MAY Bloom

SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES: Summer and fall. **CULTURE and HARDINESS:** Same as for Oncobreds, page 36.

- GOLDEN BUTTERFLY** (Austin '54) E-20" The well-known grace and charm of true Regelias in a hardy hybrid that can be grown in any garden bed right along with regular Tall Bearded Iris. Very distinctive; this and Lemon Silk are first Regelia-type flowers in yellow colorings. From Ola Kala X Hoogiana; has inherited coloring from seed parent and form from pollen parent. First Iris having distinct white stripe down center of fall. Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37
- ***HOOGIE BOY** VE Wistaria violet-blue with a generous outpouring of gold. Falls flaring. Hardy and easy to grow. Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c
- LEMON SILK** (Austin '54) EM-30" A lovely combination of clear lemon-yellow standards, with creamy white falls having a tiny edging of yellow. Often faintly flushed rosy lilac. Same silky finish as Hoogiana, flower 50% larger. Petals narrow, showing Regelia ancestry. Nicely branched, 7 or 8 flowers per stalk, often 3 out at once. Frequently several large buds ready to open at same time; poised in an upright, well-spaced fashion like candles on a candelabrum. Pollen plentiful. Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.12
- RAINIER VALLEY** (Crandall '55) EM-ML-30" The charm and the blue of Hoogiana in a much larger flower on taller stems. Easy to grow. Fertile both ways. [Hoogiana X Shining Waters] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00
- SAFFRON CHARM** (Benbow '54) E-28" So different even a novice can tell it is out of the ordinary. Produced by crossing Stolonifera X a yellow Tall Bearded. Standards very ruffled, shimmering with bright saffron-yellow stitching, blending to pale blue, giving a translucent effect. Falls lavender-blue blended with paler yellow. Beard grey, tipped lavender. Color effect most intriguing. Stem branched carrying 5 to 7 flowers. Leaves remain green rather than dying back as does Stolonifera. Sets seed; very fertile pollen parent. Pollen fertile on most of the recently introduced Oncobreds from Clarence White. Imagine what these crosses may yield! Try some. Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

IRIS from 'ROUND the WORLD

—“Distance lends enchantment”

Yes, this catalog contains many Iris that I have imported for you from the uttermost parts of the earth to enable YOU to create, in your own surroundings, and with very little effort, an almost everblooming floral fairyland of infinite beauty and unexpected interest. No great gardening skill is required. Just follow the simple directions in this catalog, and in my MANUAL, and the plants themselves, that I have assembled for you from the wilds of distant lands, and from Iris hybridizers everywhere, will do the rest. Here are just a few examples of the far away places from which some of these Iris immigrants have come. You will find many others:

1. I import my rare, true **Oncos** (page 26) mostly from the Holy Land, near Jerusalem, and from remote mountains of Turkey.
2. The delightful, little-known **Regelias** (page 29) come from Turkestan, Bokhara and surrounding slopes of the lofty Himalayan Ranges.
3. My exclusive collection of winter-flowering **Stylosas** (page 35) has developed from Iris native to Algeria, Greece and the islands of the Archipelago.

“Your Secret Variety game is fun and I study the catalog for days—not giving up until I have found every one. Your Premium gifts are wonderful and I thank you for those you have sent me. You are very generous!”—Miss N. D. Bright, Baltimore, Md. See page 20.

Iris **NOVELTIES** and **RARITIES**

The Most Interesting and Unusual Iris for YOUR Iris Wonderland

Iris Splashed with **EXOTIC MARKINGS**

CORSAGE (Watkins '55) E-LM-32" One of the few Iris I would not be without. Nothing else like it; a delight to all who have been fortunate enough to see it. Pure satiny white, Pixie-painted and haphazardly splashed with brilliant yellow in a gay pattern; no two petals are ever alike. Has terrific garden appeal and I predict your neighbors will all want it when they see it in your garden. Stock very limited; order today..... Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.85

HARLEQUIN (Stevens '49) ML-32" A fantastic Iris that looks as if it has Onco blood. Silvery falls have a perky horizontal flare, not only veined like a butterfly's wings, but bizarrely stippled, dappled chocolate and purple to match feathery standards. Its weird beauty makes visitors exclaim. [Seedling X Tiffany]..... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 67c

TENSLEEP (Moore '52) LM-36" White, heavily and variably marked in dark blue—in fact, the marks are so strange and irregular that no two flowers are alike. Large, well-shaped flowers on nicely branched stalks. Originated in Northern Wyoming, so is fully hardy. [Tiffany X Cinnamon Bear]..... Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order \$2.00

WEIRDIE (Craig '49) EM-36" Falls bright purplish-crimson set off by intense yellow hafts, gradually changing to white around end of beard, giving a strange and fascinating effect. Standards pale yellow flushed light rosy lilac. One that always attracts attention as it is so different. Pollen plentiful. [Sister to Rich Raiment]..... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00

Iris of **CURIOUS FORM**

PINAFORE LASS (F. Cook '51) EM-38" Falls heavily gathered, pleated so form of flower is like nothing you've seen before—but in a way it has the flatness and appeal of a Japanese Iris. Coloring, too, carries out this similarity, for white center suggests a blaze on Japanese Iris. From this glowing whiteness there are ever-deepening tints of lavender-blue out to deeper colored scalloped margins. Something really novel. Fragrant. HM'52—[Snow Flurry X White Wedgewood]..... Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

THURLOW WEED (Weed '43) EM-38" Oddest, strangest Iris in my garden. Instead of usual 3 standards and 3 falls, this has 6 nearly identical petals strongly curved and arched in open cup-like fashion. More like a pitcher plant or fly-catcher, or even a golden tulip, than an Iris. The 3 petals corresponding to falls sometimes have slight vestiges of beards down inside, but all 6 petals are quite beardless from external appearance. So this is, essentially, a "Bearded" Iris without a beard—and without petals that act as falls. There are no stamens; stigmas normal, so crossing is possible. A creamy white, heavily flushed and veined in yellow. Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$2.37

The Two **CREPE PAPER** Iris

ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON VE-20" Most novel of all blue Iris. A most remarkable and interesting Intermediate Iris with petals heavily crinkled like crepe paper. Large flowers in lilac-blue, deeper in the falls. Polln plentiful [Sport of Zua]..... Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 67c

ZUA VE-14" The original crepe-paper Iris with petals more crinkled and creped than in any other variety. An early-blooming Intermediate Iris that takes everyone's fancy. A most unusual and interesting frosty-white, faintly flushed pale blue. I have no other Iris like this, except its sport, Elizabeth Huntington, listed above. [Sport of Florentina].... Regularly 75c; on \$10 order 60c

Two **ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE** Iris

PINK MARBLE (Austin '55) E-24" Probably the first Iris ever introduced with white marbling in the green leaves. A curious, decorative phenomenon giving an appearance quite distinct from the striping in the leaves of Zebra. As expected for this cross of Cherie X Capitola, the flower color is pink, in fact, a bright orchid-rose self. Form is full and rounded, with broad petals and stiffly arched standards, typical of true Oncobreds. Grown from embryo-cultured seed..... Regularly \$4.00; on \$10 order \$2.67

ZEBRA (Pallida variegata) M-30" A novelty needed in every garden. Leaves striped in creamy yellow and green in a pattern much like that of a zebra. Has striking ornamental value from March to November. Also, just the thing for individualistic flower arrangements and corsages. Flowers light blue. Best used as edgings or clumps to attract attention, so I give you special group prices. See Ektachrome... 2 for \$1.95; on \$10 order 3 for \$1.95

ZEBRA—Needed in every garden—2 for \$1.95



RHYTHM—Finest Inexpensive Flat Iris—\$3.50

The Attention-Compelling **FLAT-BEARDED** Iris

Like Japanese Iris, But Much Easier to Grow

RHYTHM (Ballard '54) M to ML-24" See in color above. A phenomenal break in Iris form. The first flat Iris with six bearded falls ever to be introduced. A whimsical freak of nature, entirely without the usual three standards characterizing normal Iris. Coloring is deep indigo violet, except for whitish hafts with brilliant yellow beards, and prominent pure white style arms. A novel item for arrangement fans. While not highly fertile, some seedlings have been produced, and it thus offers a challenge to adventurous breeders eager to get this distinctive form in various bright new colors. Be the first to accomplish this. A diploid with 24 chromosomes. [Alcazar x Archeveque] X Candelabra]..... Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order \$2.33

BELLA MOHR (Ohl '55) M-36" Just imagine an "Elmohr" with "Sable" coloring, and a form that sometimes partially or fully flattens out. Quite something! Huge, wide full flowers in glowing blackish purple, free of haft markings. Wonderful substance. An Oncobred that is a knockout! HM'56—[William Mohr X Sable]... \$10.00; on \$10 order \$9.50

CLEMATIS L-30" Most famous of all flat Iris. Widely sought, but almost extinct in this country, so I sent all the way to Scotland to get a good supply for you. Variable, but flowers tend strongly to flatten out and many have 6 bearded petals instead of 3. A light violet-blue with bright lilac flush thru center of falls. Very interesting! Usually has viable pollen..... Regularly \$1.25; on \$10 order \$1.00

CLEMENTINA—Wonderful flat Oncobred, in full color page 36..... Regularly \$10.00; on \$10 order \$9.50

DOROTHEA VE-16" Trim modern form with nicely arched standards and stiff flaring falls? Goodness no, this has that delightful wind-blown effect which departs from all formality. A pale lavender white, flushed and dappled amethyst. May prove useful in breeding toward Bearded Iris of a flat "Japanese" style. AM RHS '16..... 75c, on \$10 order 50c

FLURRY MOHR (Rees '50) E-42" A huge rich deep violet Oncobred from Snow Flurry X Capitola. Standards tend to flatten out somewhat so this makes a wonderful single-flower arrangement, or an ideal flat-dish display. Gives a breath-taking effect and your friends will be amazed..... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 75c

LITTLE FREAK (John Steel) M-32" A pretty white plicata that flattens out much like a Japanese Iris, but quite unlike the beardless Japanese, this regularly has six yellow beards. Attractive edging and penciling of violet on all petals. Pollen variable, sometimes plentiful. A heavy increaser..... Regularly \$1.75; on \$10 order \$1.17

For three 1958 Introductions in Flat Iris see page 5.

SPECIAL 1958 SALE ON FLAT BEARDED IRIS

To Introduce This New Race of Iris So Useful in Garden & Home Decoration

Several of the Flat Bearded Iris are in short supply, and this does not permit individual discounts for Sale prices as heavy as ½ off for these particular varieties. However, as nationally advertised, my **BIG 1958 SALE OFFER on Flat Iris** is this: Order any 2 or more of my 10 Flat Iris (7 above and 3 on page 5) and deduct a full ½ from the sum of their **REGULAR** prices.—Now you can stock up liberally, and have something that will amaze every visitor to your garden.

Strange **ONCOBRED** and **ONCOGELIA** Oddities from **PARADOXA**

PARVAR (Foster) E-20" A miniature Oncobred oddity of strange appearance. A first generation hybrid resulting from the Onco Paradoxa X Variegata. Standards dark lavender, erect, open. Falls tiny, nearly black with a very broad caterpillar-like purplish-black beard exposed almost to the very base of the falls, due to the unique open construction of the flower. Enormous breeding possibilities if this immense beard from Paradoxa can be passed on to giant flowers on tall stems..... Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order 95c

SIRONA VE-11" Like a precious gem is this stunning miniature Oncogelia, reminding one of jewels in an elaborate setting. Standards deep wine. Falls white, flushed pink, with sharp black veins radiating from black signal occupying nearly half of each fall! Falls round, horizontally flaring. Comes from that exotic Onco, Paradoxa. Don't miss SIRONA now, for I'm liable to be out of it next year. [Korolkowi Leichtlini X Paradoxa]... Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.42



The Only IRIS TWINS

GOOD AND PLENTY (Fay '52) M-36" Good and Plenty are two Iris from one seed – a white bud sport and its identical blue sister, which were introduced as one plant. Not only a botanical curiosity, but two very nice Iris; flaring, ruffled, with excellent substance. Should be very valuable to breeders. Sold only as a pair but here is another way for you to get two rhizomes for the price of one. Both the blue and the white set seed freely. Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order \$1.67

Seeds of a Dependable SUMMER-BLOOMING IRIS

VESPER IRIS (DICHOTOMA) 26" Eastern Siberia and Mongolia is the home of this graceful Iris. There in late afternoon, at vesper time, tall branching sprays of these flowers unfold their prettily marked lilac petals. Stands alone as the only Iris that blooms regularly and abundantly in the heat of the summer, from July to September. Probably produces more flowers per stem than any other Iris. Fascinates youngsters from seven to seventy, for it is a plant with visible motion – something usually attributed only to members of the animal kingdom. Believe it or not, at the vesper hour the flowers usually "pop open all at once, nothing first, just like a bubble when it bursts." You will have unbelieving onlookers congregating about at 3 P. M. to see this natural phenomenon with their own eyes. Easily grown from seed and much more economical this way, so I offer only seed. Often flowers the first summer from fall sowing. About 200 seeds per packet. . . \$1; 3 pkts. \$2

WATER IRIS – For Pools and Damp Locations

SEEDS of WATER IRIS or PSEUDACORUS M-36" A cosmopolitan species, native to Europe, Africa and Asia. Will grow at the edges of ponds and streams, and in marshy ground where few other Iris can exist; also does well in regular garden bed. Flowers bright yellow, attractive. Foliage decorative, sword-like, often reaching 3 feet in height. Quickly and easily grown from seeds. About 75 very large seeds per packet. Pkt. \$1.00; 3 pkts. \$2.00

An Exquisite WESTERN NATIVE – Last Chance to Try It

Continued for 1958 by persistent popular demand. A Beardless Iris of great beauty preferring slightly acid soil. Thrives in either full sun or part shade.

RAINBOW IRIS (Douglasiana) VE to M-15" See Ektachrome below.

Regularly \$1.25; 3 for \$3.00; 5 for \$3.95

Prices on \$10.00 order . . 4 for \$3.00; 7 for \$3.95

As variable in coloring as the Rainbow itself. A lovely native of the California Redwood belt, with attractive broad glossy leaves. Available only in mixed colors. The more you order, the greater the chance you will receive nearly all of the colors shown. Hence I make very special group prices, set LOW to insure a complete close-out by fall. Shipped after new roots form (usually mid or late summer or fall), but order yours NOW, before supply is exhausted. Note close-out prices above picture.

Where else can you get the glory of the Rainbow by ordering only one Iris species?

MY FAVORITE NOVELTIES and/or RARITIES – BARGAIN NO. 18 – Explained on page 2. I'll make up for YOU amazingly generous assortments of my personal favorites in either Novelties or Rarities, or Both, as you specify, for \$5, \$10 or \$25

Remember

Stocks won't last long at these Catalog-Wide Sale prices. So please place your order PROMPTLY and order everything you want before supplies of some kinds are exhausted. At these prices, **THE MORE YOU ORDER, THE MORE YOU SAVE!** See simple explanation of my very first Catalog-Wide IRIS SALE at top of page 20.

INDEX To Varieties of All Types of UNUSUAL IRIS and To All TALL BEARDED Not in Main Section

Also see pages 3 and 4 for helpful indexes to types of Iris, relationship groups, and special catalog features. Main Tall Bearded – 11. My own originations in red.

Aahne 35	Corsage 42	Korolkowis 29	Polar King 33
Abblaze 40	Crepe Suzette 44	Laban Effendi 38	Potawatomi 34
Acutitoba 26	Cretica 40	Laddie 22	Precious Days 22
Agatha 30	Crinkled Ribbon 44	Lady Ilse 22	Precious Gem 41
Allegria 30	Crispette 44	Lady Mohr 38	Precious Jewel 41
Almond Blossom 32	Crystal Clear 23	Lady Moon 33	Present 39
Altamohr 36	Cupid's Dart 33	Large Flowered 35	Pretty Pansy 22
Alta Rosa 35	Damascus Blade 37	Stylosas 35	Pretty Pink 10
American Modern 36	Dawn Pink 8	Late Amethyst 29	Promise 40
Anatolia 36	December Royalty 35	Laurel Hill 38	Pseudacorus 43
Andromache 30	Decorated Blue 29	Lavender Dawn 40	Psyche 31
Annette 8	Beard 29	Lemon Silk 41	Purissamohr 39
Anthea 8	Decorated Delight 29	Limelight 44	Queen's Lace 44
Apricot Glory 10	Decorated Giant 29	Little Mohee 40	Radiation 22
Apricot Supreme 10	Deep Buttercup 37	Little Villain 40	Rainbow Iris 43
Arcadia Buttercup 35	Desert Twilight 22	Lodestar 41	Rainier Valley 41
Arctic Blush 7	Dirty Face 40	Lois Craig 33	Rajah 41
Artemis 35	Dorothea 42	Lortetii 28	Real Ebony 26
Asporina 30	Doxa 41	Lottie Lembrich 10	Real Gold 36
Atrofusca 26	Dream Child 40	Lucia 29	Real Harmony 29
Atropurpurea 26	Dreamy 40	Luna 31	Red Gem 40
Atrop. Eggeri 26	Eastmohr 37	Madam Mohr 38	Red, White & Blue 29
August Waves 32	Eastmont 37	Magic Light 38	Rhythm 42
Aunt Amoret 22	Eliz. Huntington 42	Majnun 38	Robert Alexander 22
Aurantica 26	Elmhurst 37	Marbled Stylosas 35	Rose Blush 40
Autumn Delight 32	Enchantress 7	Margaret Cruise 38	Rose Delight 10
Autumn Elf 32	Engraved 30	Marisa 27	Rose Pearl 41
Autumn Flame 32	Enice 30	Marsala 10	Rose Sails 10
Autumn Orchid 32	Evenglow 22	Marsha Kay 9	Royal Band 34
Autumn Queen 32	Fair Enough 33	Mary Randall 9	Royal Garnet 22
Autumn Sunset 33	Fairy Flax 41	Mary Valentine 38	Ruby Glow 41
Autumn Twilight 32	Fall Frills 33	Master Neil 38	Ruffled Apache 1 & 4 44
Azurea 40	Fall Velvet 32	Melody Lane 10	Ruffled Gem 44
Azure Lake 22	Improved 32	Memphis Belle 9	Russet Wings 44
Bagdad Beauty 5	Fancy Rhythm 37	Menominee 34	Russian Bronze 35
Ballerina 8	Fancywork 37	Mishawaka 34	Safari 22
Ball Gown 32	Fantasy 8	Mist O'Pink 40	Saffron Charm 41
Bamboo 36	Fior Del Mondo 40	Moab 23	Sally Ann 34
Banner Bright 32	Flaming Gold 7	Mohr Affair 38	Sangreal 33
Baria 41	Flamingo Bay 9	Mohr Beauty 38	San Pasqual 35
Barnumae 26	Flurry Mohr 42	Mohr Courageous 38	Santa Cruz 22
Barre Beauty 32	For Sure 37	Mohr Elegance 38	Sari 27
Barrimohr 36	Fort Bridge 22	Mohresque 38	Savage 34
Basaltica 26	Frances Craig 37	Mohrloff 38	Scarlet Tiger 34
Beisan Aga 36	Fuchsia 9	Mohr Majesty 38	Sept. Sparkler 33
Bel-Air 35	Garnet Glow 10	Mohrning Dove 38	Sespe 39
Bella Mohr 42	Garnet Treasure 41	Mohr Velvet 38	Short Song 39
Benton Beatrice 10	Gatesii 27	Moon Gleam 40	Sikhmohr 39
Benton Cordelia 8	Gay Lassie 40	Moonchild 38	Sirona 42
Benton Oberon 8	Gay Paroe 7	Moon Goddess 33	Slick Chick 39
Benton Ophelia 8	Gay Stylosa 35	Morning Blue 23	Snow Fairy 40
Bethel 37	Gersdorff-Sass 33	Mount Tim 33	Snow Maiden 41
Blarney 40	Giant Clematis 5	Mulberry Snow 6	Soft Answer 22
Blazon 40	Giant Mohr 5	Nambe 41	Song of Songs 44
Blue Abalone 36	Gibson Girl 33	Nappanee 34	Spic and Span 22
Blue Band 40	Glowing Amber 33	Native Dancer 9	Springtime 35
Blue Blood 22	Golden Ballet 11	Nazarena 27	Madonna 35
Blue Debut 44	Golden Butterfly 41	New Look 38	Stolonifera 29
Blue Flurry 35	Golden Russet 22	Night Moth 38	St. Osyth 41
Blue Intensity 11	Gold Intensity 41	Nigricans 27	Strathmore 10
Blue Joy 29	Gold of Ophir 37	Niobe 40	Stylosas 35
Blue Mascot 32	Gold Smoke 37	Nomohr 38	Sugarplum 1 & 4 44
Blue River 35	Good and Plenty 43	Norah 22	Sulina 40
Blue Shimmer 22	Good Measure 22	No-Top 5	Sultan's Armour 41
Blue Surprise 32	Graeca 35	October Blaze 34	Sunset Pink 35
Blumohr 37	Green Goddess 33	October Shadows 32	Susiana 28
Briar Rose 8	Green Halo 40	Okon 23	Taffy Wings 22
Bridal Pink 35	Green Hope 33	Olive Orchid 38	Tally-Ho 10
Bright Fuchsia 8	Green Mohr 37	Orange Creamo 10	Tangerine Carnival 10
Bronze Beauty 29	Green Petals 40	Orange Gint 40	Tangerine Snow 1
Bronze Symphony 22	Green Pheasant 37	Orange Twotone 41	Technicolor 35
Buckthorn Brown 33	Green Spot 41	Orchid and Flame 35	Temple Bells 10
Burchfield 40	Gussie 44	Orchid Ruffles 44	Tensleep 42
Burning Driftwood 22	Halloween Night 33	Orchid Striped 35	Teucros 31
Buster Brown 40	Happy Birthday 9	Stylosas 35	Theseus 31
Butterfly Blue 37	Harlequin 42	Orestes 29	Thor 31
Butterfly Wings 22	Harvest Blue 32	Oriental Magic 23	Thurlow Weed 42
Calcaria 26	Haynei 28	Our Suzy 5	Tinkerbell 41
California Pink 35	Heatherlands 35	Oyez 38	Top Flight 10
Camilla 30	Heatherbloom 40	Pagan Princess 9	Tournament Queen 35
Canaan 23	Hera 31	Palomino 10	Treva 22
Canadaway 22	Hermione 31	Parachute #2 38	Truly Fair 10
Candy Kid 44	Hi-Time 22	Paradise Pink 9	Truly Yours 44
Capitola 37	Hoogianas 29	Paradoxa 27	Twenty Grand 44
Carabella 33	Hoggiana Purpurea 29	Parthenope 31	Two For Tea 34
Carmela 44	Hoogie Boy 41	Party Dress 44	Unicorn 6
Carpentia 40	Horned Rosyred 6	Parvar 42	Valganza 39
Cephalonica 35	Horned Royalty 7	Peg Dabagh 38	Vandabeth 22
Cerulean 37	Horned Rubyfalls 6	Peppermint Pink 9	Veri-Gay 40
Charon 31	Horned Skylark 6	Persian Bronze 30	Vesper Iris 43
Champagne Velvet 33	Horned Twotone 6	Persian Lace 30	Viveza 39
Chancellor 22	Humming Bird 22	Persian Mohr 39	Voodoo 22
Chantilly 44	Iberica 26	Persian Pattern 34	Vulcanus 29
Chenik Aga 37	Ib-Mac, True 37	Persian Twotone 5	Weirdie 42
Cherie 8	Inspiration 22	Phoebus Apollo 39	Western Hills 34
Cherry Falls 41	Isis 31	Phosphorescent 39	White Alone 34
Cherry Flip 8	Isolda 31	Pianissimo 9	White Parasol 5
Cherry Spot 40	Jabal Karak 37	Pigmy Gold 41	White Stylosas 35
Cinnamon Toast 22	Jalla Effendi 37	Pinafore Lass 42	Whitene 40
Clara B. 44	Joppa Parrot 37	Pink Cameo 9	Wide Awake 10
Clematis 42	Joseph's Mantle 33	Pink Cavalier 9	Widget 41
Clementina 36	Judean Charmor 26	Pink Enchantment 9	Wm. Mohr, Giant 39
Cliffdell 44	Judean Cream 5	Pink Formal 9	Winged Fuchsia 10
Clouddap 8	Judean Raven 5	Pink Lace 33	Wings of Flight 6
Color Carnival 8	Judean Silver 26	Pink Marble 42	Winter Flame 35
Color Riot 35	July Beauty 33	Pink Mohr 39	Witch Doctor 39
Common Stylosa 35	June Bride 44	Pink Pinafore 35	Wonderbar 22
Conquest 37	June Meredith 9	Pink Ruffles 41	Yucca 22
Convention Queen 44	Kalifa Baltis 38	Pink Sensation 10	Yussuf 23
Copper Orange 41	Kalifa Fatima 38	Pink Symphony 10	Zebra 42
Coquetry 37	Kalifa Gulnare 38	Pink Talcum 10	Zebulon 39
Coronation 22	Kanab 22	Pink Tower 22	Zua 42
Tapestry 37	Kezar Lake 22	Plumed Delight 7	Zulu Warrior 34

Please! Do not write notes and letters on your order blank. Use a separate sheet of paper, bearing your name and full address. Thanks!

★ THE DELIGHTFUL NEW ★ Race of LACY LOVELIES ★

This entrancing new **Race of LACED Iris** represents a fortunate mutation in Iris form, and has developed very rapidly during the last few years. It has been so well received that it has literally taken the country by storm. **Today no Iris garden is complete without at least a few of these frilly lovelies with petal edges adorned as if with lace.** Assembled here for your convenience.

First 3 In Full Color On Front Cover

CARMELA (Schreiner '55) M-38" This bewitching new creation is so very lacy and exotic that I am picturing it for you in full color on the front cover. Several experienced Iris judges have characterized Carmela as the **laciest and loveliest of this new race**. This crinkled beauty is done in **colors of fawn and honey**, and is sure to captivate you. The petals are broad and the form is simply superb. A radiant, glamorous Iris personality that is certainly a "must" for Iris fanciers. **HM'55** - [Russet Wings X (Midwest Gem x Chantilly)] Regularly \$7.50; on \$10 order **\$7.12**

RUFFLED APACHE (Wallace '54) ML-36" I am proud to present the Iris I rated the highest of all the new introduced Iris I saw in 1954 at the Salt Lake City convention of A.I.S. The lacy appearance is so striking, the color so new for a lacy-edged variety, it always **makes the visitors stop and exclaim in admiration**. Standards soft bronzy amber, beautifully arched and closed. Falls **rosy crimson with lacy bronze edging**. Beard bright yellow, large and conspicuous. So outstanding it was shown on the front cover of the January, 1955, Bulletin of the A.I.S. **Fertile both ways**. You need this one! **HM'54; JC'55** - [Matula X Midwest Gem] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$4.75**

SUGARPLUM (Corey '53) M-36" A full sister of the coveted Gussie, and equally sought by hybridizers, as it is **much pinker** and the **edges of the petals are crimped and lacy**. A soft creamy pink self with soft yellow haft and yellow beard. Form flaring and substance very heavy. Known to be a fine breeder; should make a wonderful parent to bring lacing into the flamingo pink line. **HM'55** - [Chantilly X (Daybreak x Midwest Gem)] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$4.50**

BLUE DEBUT (Wallace '55) ML-36" Many have been waiting for that blue lacing factor for their breeding work; now here it is. A large well substantiated, nicely formed pale violet-blue self up to 6½" across. Standards and falls beautifully laced, lightly ruffled. [(Midwest Gem x Hall 42-10) X (Snoqualmie x Gold Ruffles)] **Reg. \$5.00; on \$10 order \$3.33**

CANDY KID (Norton '54) ML-32" Something nice for you folks who want a **real novelty that is beautiful and not freaky**. Standards and falls are heavily crimped and there is a pronounced striped effect, hence name Candy Kid. Standards rosy-lavender, falls darker with interesting marbled and striped pattern. **Forerunner of a new type of Iris coloring**; as such will be sought by breeders. [Cliffdell X. Alexia Sdlg.] **Reg. \$5; on \$10 order \$3.75**

★ **CLARA B** (Muhlestein '52) ML-37" A heavily ruffled and laced white, with a glistening lemon-gold border. Perhaps the **finest of the inexpensive laced Iris for the breeder** who wishes to work in this field. Already starting to yield some remarkable novelties, such as Tell's very outstanding Queen's Lace. Pollen plentiful. [Chantilly X 46-2 F: Hall's 42-10 x SQ72] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**

★ **CLIFFDELL** (Norton '52) ML-38" Lovely new bi-color blend with crinkled edges to the petals. Standards rich reddish brown; falls flaring out nearly horizontally, rosy lilac with brown edging. **Passes its lacy edges to its progeny**. Seedparent of Candy Kid. Pollen abundant. [Alexia sdlg. X Cascade Splendor] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$1.67**

CONVENTION QUEEN (Muhlestein '54) M-L-40" Very large broad-petaled heavily laced peach pink with excellent substance. Color most interesting, rich apricot-salmon. Beard red-tangerine. Tell's best from this cross that gave some true pinks with pink beards. **HM'55; JC'56** - [Salmon Shell X Pink Fulfillment]. Regularly \$12.50; on \$10 order **\$8.33**

CREPE SUZETTE (Whiting '54) M-36" A delightfully crimped, fluted flower in light peach pink, heavy tangerine beard. Quite unusual due to heavily creped texture. Blooms large, long-lasting. [Tea Rose X Hall 42-05] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$2.00**

CRINKLED RIBBON (Schreiner '56) M-38" An exciting bright blend—**tan and rosy lavender**, with heavily crinkled edges to the petals. Intriguing, and useful to the breeder, as it comes from an entirely new line of breeding for the crinkled or lacy type. Pollen profuse. [Pathfinder X Rose Splendor] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

CRISPETTE (Schreiner '54) EM-35" A **lacy-edged orchid-colored masterpiece** from Bob Schreiner of flawless perfection of form. Rated very highly by judges. A broadly proportioned color gem whose fluted petals and lacy edging create a liting and billowy effect. The deep orchid color carries extremely well, lending a new note to garden refrain. Beard is full orange-red; a touch of golden brown in throat. One your visitors are certain to admire. **JC'56; AM'57** - [Harriet Thoreau X ((Angelus x ?) x (Matula x Schreiner Sdlg. 8-37))] Regularly \$5.00; on \$10 order **\$3.33**

DREAMY (Linse '53) ML-37" Truly something new under the sun! A flaring, very ruffled flower with a texture that almost defies description. Has been likened to a **bowl of freshly popped popcorn**. A white fresh and pure in color as Spanish Peaks, even to the white beard. Field is wide open to incorporate this novel texture in Iris of other colors. From Snow Flurry, so should be excellent breeder. NOW is the time to start! **HM'56; JC'57** - [Snow Flurry X Cloud Castle] Regularly \$2.25; on \$10 order **\$1.50**

GUSSIE (Corey '53) ML-35" Reputed to have **heaviest crimped and laciest edges of any Iris in commerce**; approaches the ultimate. Even buds are noticeably laced and very charming. A lovely heavy textured orchid self, with gold hafts and a lemon beard. The one all hybridizers want as it is likely to contribute heavy lacing to offspring due to two lacy parents in its pedigree, Chantilly and Midwest Gem. [Chantilly X (Daybreak x Midwest Gem)] Regularly \$2.50; on \$10 order **\$1.67**

★ **JUNE BRIDE** (Hall '52) M-32" A delectable, mouth-watering deep apricot pink with a color associated with tuberous begonias and gladioli. A large, lacy flower with stiff horizontal falls. Beard prominent, bright, red-tangerine. **HM'52; RU-AM'56** - [Two Hall pink seedlings] Regularly \$2.00; on \$10 order **\$1.33**



CHANTILLY — The Original Lace-Edge Iris — \$1.00

CHANTILLY M-36" See Ektachrome above. Most famous of the progenitors of this eye-catching race of "Chantilly-laced" Iris, and **finest inexpensive laced Iris today**. A wonderful parent—this page contains no less than four descendants of Chantilly, and if others have gotten good ones, why not you? A luscious orchid-pink. Very likely carries recessive character for tangerine beard Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

LIMELIGHT (Hall '52) ML-35" Extra large ruffled, very frilly flower, like a canary yellow Chantilly. **Picotted edging** and beautiful coloring attract all who see it. Novel, tantalizing, and quite irresistible. Should prove highly useful in breeding new ones with the Chantilly lace. Beard tangerine orange, so will prove useful to those breeding for intense yellows with bright red beards. **Outstanding for both the fancier and the breeder!** **HM'52; AM'54** - [Sunray X Hall pink sdlg. 46-42] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.85**

ORCHID RUFFLES (Schreiner '54) EM-35" The first true lavender with that much-sought lacy edge. A flower of shimmering loveliness and ethereal beauty that the discriminating Iris fancier will take to his heart. **Far-sighted breeders will be quick to cross this with other new lacy edged varieties.** **HM'56; JC'57** - [Harriet Thoreau X ((Angelus x ?) x ((Matula x sdlg.: (Noweta x Violet Cr.)))] Regularly \$3.50; on \$10 order **\$2.33**

PARTY DRESS (Muhlestein '51) ML-34" Delightful. Most ruffled and laced of all the Flamingo Pinks. This immediately makes one think of a little girl's frilly party dress. Actually pinker than famous Pink Formal. Reported to be one of the best parents for tangerine-bearded pinks. Fertile both ways; offspring remarkably fine. Has a long tangerine beard, yields highly colorful and varied beards in its offspring. Every hybridizer should have this. **AM'54** - [(Lancaster x D. Hall's 42-10) X Sister to Pink Formal] ... **Reg. \$1.50; on \$10 order \$1.00**

QUEEN'S LACE (Muhlestein '55) M-L-34" A personal favorite of mine, and one that approaches the ultimate in floral beauty. A delectable creamy white, with crinkled lacy edges of pale gold. The lacing is so heavy that it is probably not surpassed by any other Iris to date. Much sought ever since it was finely displayed at the Salt Lake Convention. Everyone seems to want it to dress up his garden, and for breeding. You can't go wrong on this! Pollen plentiful. **JC'56; AM'57** - [Clara B X (Gold Ruffles x Chantilly)] Regularly \$15.00; on \$10 order **\$10.00**

★ **RUFFLED GEM** (Muhlestein '51) ML-36" Iridescent pinkish-buff becoming light yellow in center of falls. Petals edged with heavy Chantilly-lace. Lots of pollen. [Midwest Gem X Sib to Dream Girl] Regularly \$1.50; on \$10 order **\$1.00**

★ **RUSSET WINGS** M-38" Wonderful, glowing russet, lacy ... **\$1.00; on \$10 order 67c**

★ **SONG OF SONGS** E-L-38" Standards light yellow. Falls iridescent white, edged like standards. All petals edged with a frilly lacing Regularly \$1.00; on \$10 order **67c**

TRULY YOURS (Fay '49) VL-38" A huge new creation, breathtaking and spectacular. A beautiful heavily-ruffled yellow bitone with Chantilly-like edging of lace on both standards and falls. Heart of flower bright yellow shading off to almost white. Completely winter hardy. Fortunately has fertile pollen and sets seed excellently. Start now to add this effective frilling to Iris of other colors. Try crossing with Clara B, Ruffled Gem, Ruffled Apache and Limelight. '53 Dykes Medal - [((Rameses x Far West) x Hall 42-35) X Zantha] Regularly \$3.00; on \$10 order **\$2.85**

TWENTY GRAND (Norton '53) M-36" A lovely blend of canary yellow, orchid and tan-gold. Petals beautifully ruffled and edged in Chantilly lace. Beard orange. A marvelous breeder that has already yielded the award-winning Butterscotch Kiss. [Chantilly X Rainbow Room] Regularly \$4.50; on \$10 order **\$4.27**

BEGINNER'S LACE — BARGAIN No. 14 — Five nice ones for very little: Chantilly, June Bride, Party Dress, Russet Wings and Song of Songs, for only **\$4.30**

LACIEST LACE — BARGAIN No. 15 — Five to delight a connoisseur: Clara B, Cliffdell, Crepe Suzette, Dreamy and Gussie for **\$7.85**

FRONT COVER LACE — BARGAIN No. 16 — See these 3 in full color on the front cover: Carmela, Ruffled Apache and Sugarplum. All 3 for only **\$15.95**

MY FAVORITE LACE — BARGAIN No. 17 — Explained on page 2. I'll make up for you amazingly generous assortments of my personal lacy favorites for **\$5, \$10, \$25**